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[リベロ革命!!] [鳳ボンバー] をご存じの方、ご無沙汰です。
そうでない方、初めまして。
[あお高野球部] 第1巻、お買いあげありがとうございます。
躍動する肉体、勝利の笑顔、敗北の涙、心震える何かを描きたくて、また、みなさんもそれに何かを感じてくだされば最高だと思い、僕は再びGペンをふるうわけです!
それでは、プレイボールです!!

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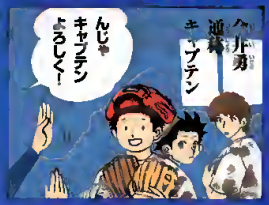
「鈴ねえが行けなかった甲子園につれてってやる!」
という6年前の誓いを胸に北大路燁太郎が入学したのは、
都立あおい坂高校。
入部した鈴緒が監督する野球部は、人数はギリギリ、
誰からも期待されず、日陰の校舎裏で練習する超弱小チームだった!
しかし、かつて誓いをたてた仲間達が集まり、
チームは最強伝説にむかって走り始めた!



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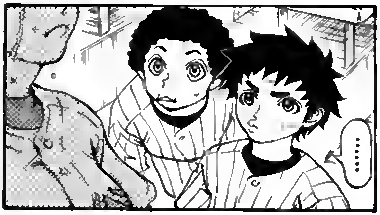
IT BEGAN THE SUMMER I WAS NINE YEARS OLD
MORE LIKE WE TOTALLY GOT CRUSHED
WELL, OUR OPPONENT WAS THE FAVORITE TO WIN
BUT MASTER'S HIGH SCHOOL SURE IS WEAK
OYO YO.
AHH, WE LOST, WE LOST
あ
あ
あ

BALL 01: SMILING IN A PINCH GETS YOU THE VICTORY!

THESE TEARS
谷
OH...

SHUT UP!
SHUT UP
SHE IS CRYING! MASTER IS CRYING!
わぁ
わぁ
わぁ
IT'S BECAUSE GARIGARI-KUN GOT ANGRY
SHUT UP
DON'T CRY. WE KNEW WE WERE GOING TO LOSE ANYWAY.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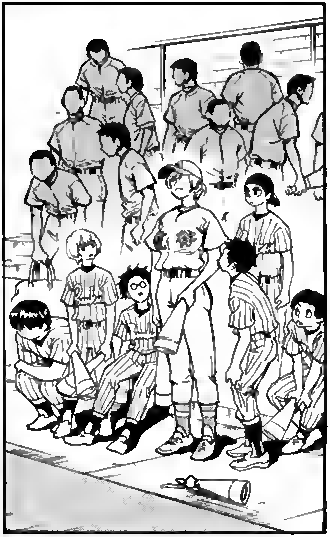

SUZU-NEE, YOU REALLY WANTED TO GO TO THE KOUSHIEN THAT MUCH?

YEAH
EVEN THOUGH WOMEN CAN'T PLAY IN THE GAMES?
YEAH
YOU SHOULDA GONE TO A STRONGER SCHOOL THEN
OUCH
SHE ...
CAN'T GO ANY-MORE

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I'LL GET SUZU-NEE TO THE KOUSHIEN!
!

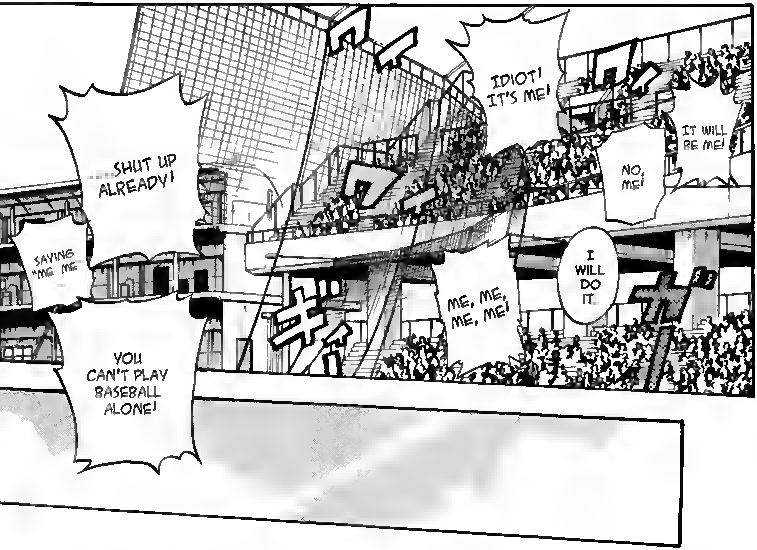
YOU CLOWN!

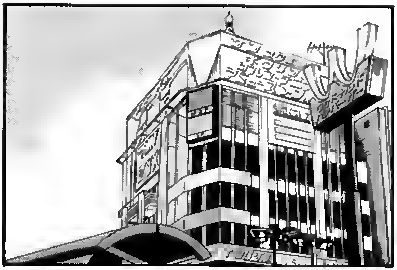
SO...

A SHRIMP LIKE YOU WANTS TO GET HER THERE?
THE ONE WHO WILL TAKE MASTER TO THE KOUSHIEN IS ME!
KOBAYASHI KOTETSU (3RD GRADE)
SHIBATA SHINNOSUKE (3RD GRADE)
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TOO, IDIOT.
GEEZ
I GOT NO CHOICE BUT TO TAKE HER THERE MYSELF
MATSUKATA MASAHARU (3RD GRADE)
WHAT WAS THAT, FOUR EYES?
THAT'S UNFAIR.
I WILL TAKE MASTER THERE
UMEMIYA UKYOU (3RD GRADE)
.....
KOMA KOUJI (4TH GRADE)

GRRR-
KITAOOJI KITAROU (3RD GRADE)

AHA... HAHA.
YOU GUYS —
SUGAWARA SUZUO (12TH GRADE)

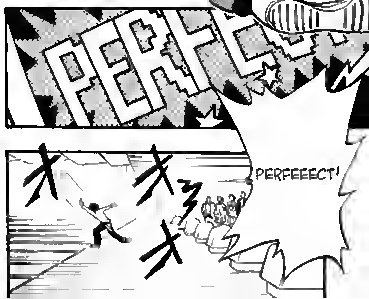

IDIOT! IT'S ME!
IT WILL BE ME!
NO, ME!
I WILL DO IT
ME, ME, ME, ME!
SHUT UP ALREADY!
SAYING "ME, ME"
YOU CAN'T PLAY BASEBALL ALONE!



6 YEARS LATER

TODAY'S RESERVATION FOR SAKURA MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASS 3-C

TOTALLY AMAZING!
IT'S ALL STRIKE, STRIKE, STRIKE!
AMAZING, KITAOOJI!


PERFECT!
PERFEEECT!

BOWLING IS SO EASY IT MAKES ME LAUGH.
ALL YOU DO IS THROW A BALL RIGHT DOWN THE MIDDLE.
KITAOOJI KITAROU (15 YEARS)
DON'T TAKE BOWLING SO EASILY!
THAT PISSES ME OFF!
GOT A TEXT.

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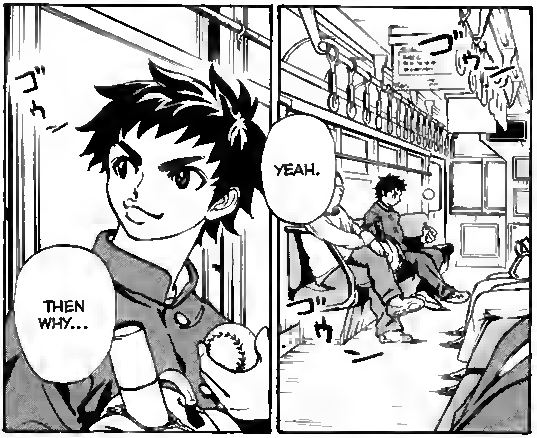
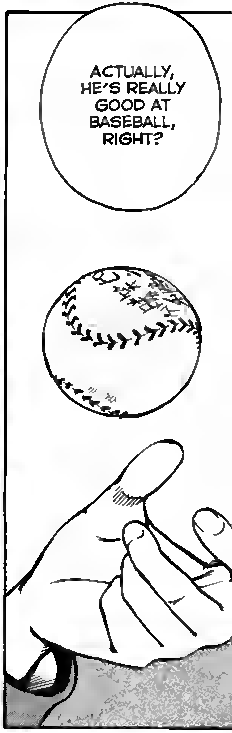
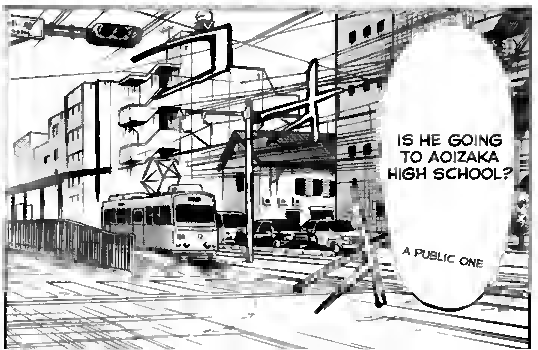
KITAOOJI, DON'T YOU WANT TO COME WITH US TO SING KARAOKE?
NAAH, I HAVE SOMETHING TO DO.
IT'S FROM SUZU-NEE.
TONIGHT, COME TO MY HOUSE I'M WAITING FOR YOU ♡
P.S. DON'T RUN AWAY

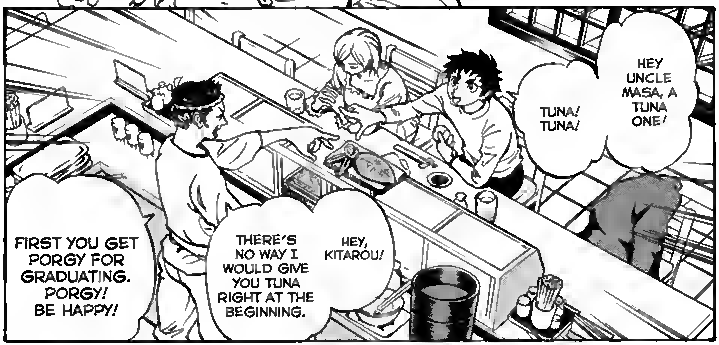
KOUSHIEN! KOUSHIEN! KOUSHIEEN!
EEH, ISN'T HE QUITE EASY TO UNDERSTAND?
I DON'T QUITE GET THAT GUY-
WHAT A BUMMER... IT'S OUR CLASS' GOODBYE PARTY, TOO

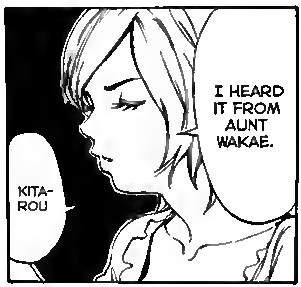

THEN WHY...
YEAH.

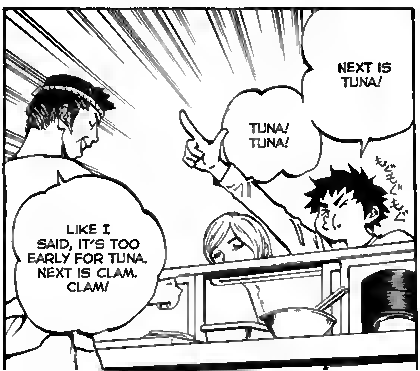

ACTUALLY, HE'S REALLY GOOD AT BASEBALL, RIGHT?

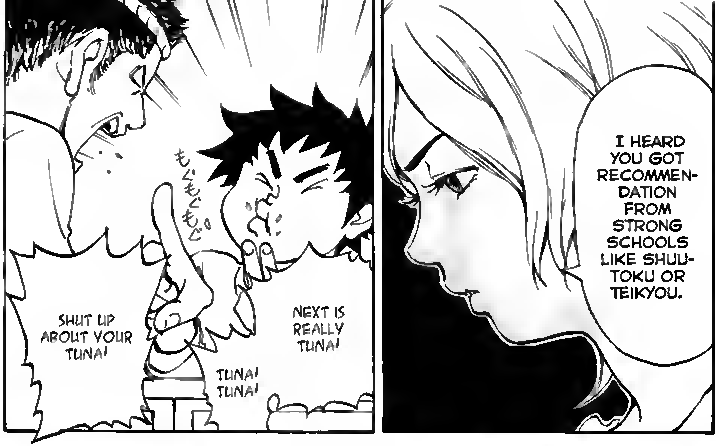

IS HE GOING TO AOIZAKA HIGH SCHOOL?
A PUBLIC ONE

CONGRATS ON FINISHING MIDDLE SCHOOL.
SUGAWARA SUZUO (24 YEARS)


HEY UNCLE MASA, A TUNA ONE!
TUNA! TUNA!
HEY, KITAROU!
THERE'S NO WAY I WOULD GIVE YOU TUNA RIGHT AT THE BEGINNING.
FIRST YOU GET PORGY FOR GRADUATING. PORGY! BE HAPPY!


I HEARD IT FROM AUNT WAKAE.
KITA-ROU


NEXT IS TUNA!
TUNA! TUNA!
LIKE I SAID, IT'S TOO EARLY FOR TUNA. NEXT IS CLAM. CLAM!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SHUT UP ABOUT YOUR TUNA!
NEXT IS REALLY TUNA!
TUNA! TUNA!
I HEARD YOU GOT RECOMMENDATION FROM STRONG SCHOOLS LIKE SHUUTOKU OR TEIKYOU.

IDIOT!
WE BARELY HAVE ENOUGH MEMBERS!
AT OUR SCHOOL, WE DON'T EVEN HAVE A FIELD!
NOBODY IS EXPECTING ANYTHING FROM US! WE'RE TRAINING WITH RUN-DOWN BALLS AND BATS BEHIND THE SCHOOL BUILDING!

A TEAM WITH A SUPER-VISOR, WHO'S GIVEN UP.
NO WAY IT COULD WIN.
I HAVEN'T GIVEN UP
...
SAYING ALL THAT MADE ME SAD.
THAT'S PRETTY BAD.

DON'T WORRY, SUZU-NEE.
HOWEVER YOUR TEAM SUCKS, I WILL TAKE YOU TO THE KOUSHIEN
UNCLE MASA, TUNA!

WASABI
HOW ABOUT EATING SOME OF THIS?
DON'T LOOK DOWN ON HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL!

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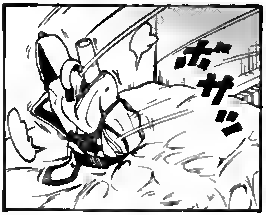
I'M HOME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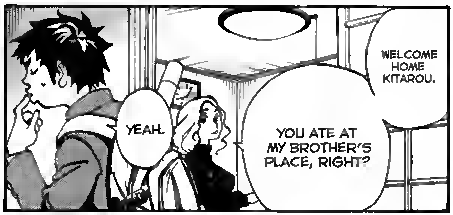
WELCOME HOME KITAROU.
YEAH.
YOU ATE AT MY BROTHER'S PLACE, RIGHT?

SAWADA
SUZUKI

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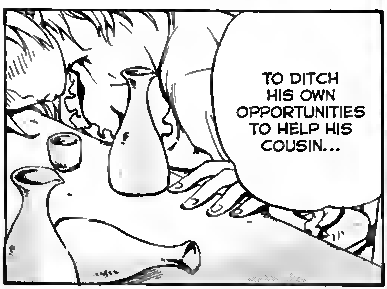
TO DITCH HIS OWN OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP HIS COUSIN...

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H.YAMADA
WHIS-PERING
WHIS-PERING

RIGHT, SUZUO?
IT'S BECAUSE HE HAS A STRONG SENSE OF DUTY.
IT'S TROUBLING BECAUSE OF THAT DUTY...

GO, GO, KOUSHIEN!
THE BEACH WIND IS CALLING--
THE FIRST TO TEACH ME HOW TO GRAB THE BALL WAS SUZU-NEE.
SHE ALSO COACHED THE TEAM I WAS ON.

SMILING IN A PINCH GETS YOU THE VICTORY!
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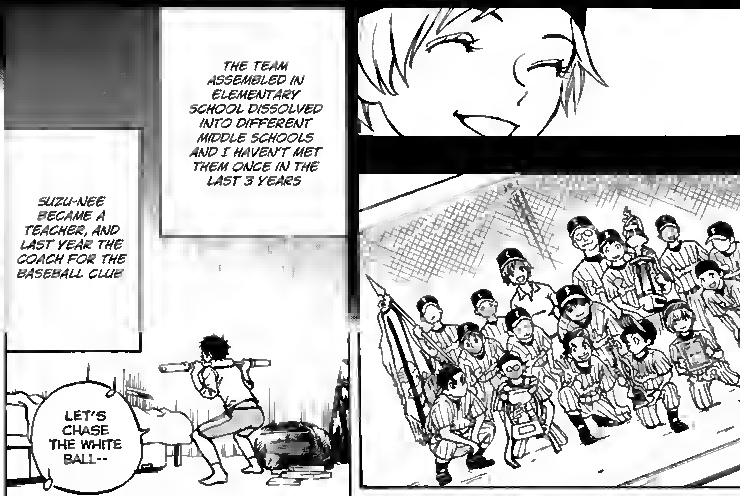
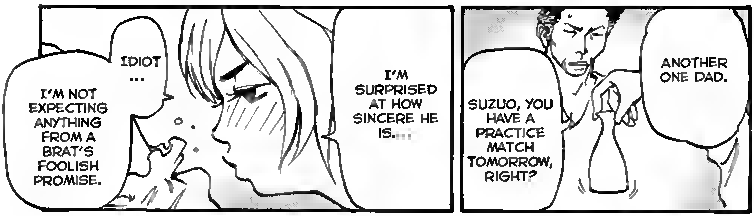
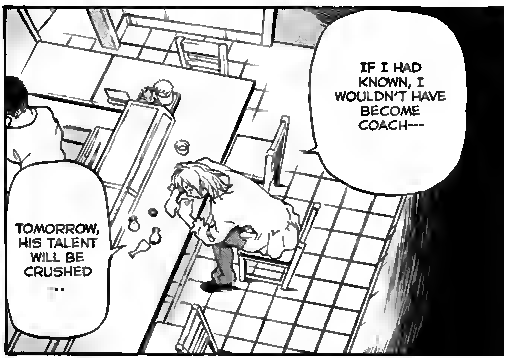
THEN YOU GET THE VICTORY!
IN A PINCH YOU HAVE TO SMILE!
BOMBERS FIRE ON!
PFFT...
AHAH AHA!
GET THE VICTORY!


THE TEAM ASSEMBLED IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISSOLVED INTO DIFFERENT MIDDLE SCHOOLS AND I HAVEN'T MET THEM ONCE IN THE LAST 3 YEARS
SUZU-NEE BECAME A TEACHER, AND LAST YEAR THE COACH FOR THE BASEBALL CLUB
LET'S CHASE THE WHITE BALL--

WELL IF I, AS HER COUSIN, REMEMBERING THE SUMMER 6 YEARS AGO, DON'T DO IT, SUZU-NEE WILL BE MISERABLE
GO, GO, KOUSHIEN


IDIOT ...
I'M NOT EXPECTING ANYTHING FROM A BRAT'S FOOLISH PROMISE.
I'M SURPRISED AT HOW SINCERE HE IS....
SUZUO, YOU HAVE A PRACTICE MATCH TOMORROW, RIGHT?
ANOTHER ONE DAD.

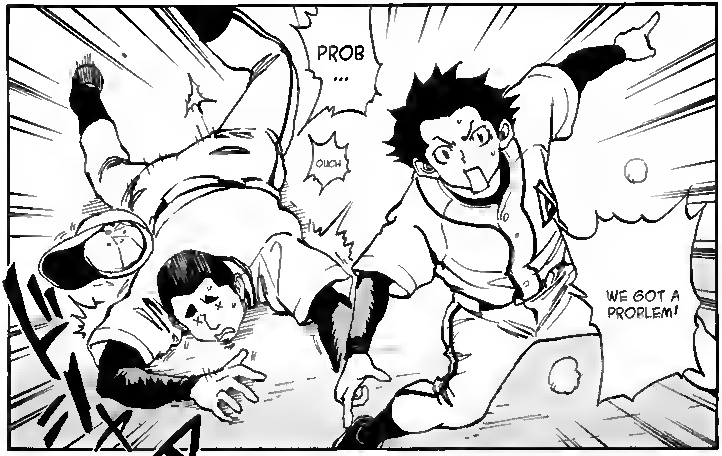
ブレッドハウス
UR-G

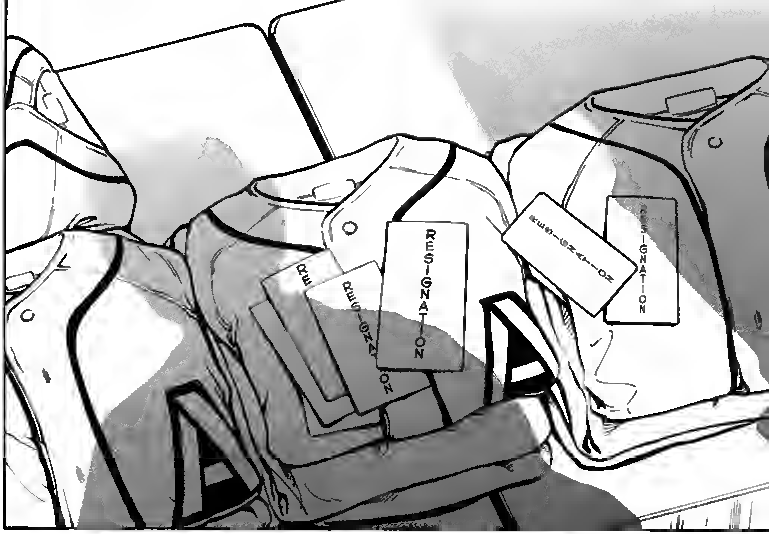

IF I HAD KNOWN, I WOULDN'T HAVE BECOME COACH---
TOMORROW, HIS TALENT WILL BE CRUSHED ...

TOKYO AOIZAKA PUBLIC HIGH

KITAROU!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
IT'S SPRING BREAK AND I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO.
MIGHT AS WELL PLAY BASEBALL

SU... SUG-AWARA-SENSEI
STOP BEING STUPID.
ME!
WHO?
YOU HAVE A PRACTICE MATCH TODAY, RIGHT? USE ME HOWEVER YOU WANT!


PROB...
OUCH
WE GOT A PROBLEM!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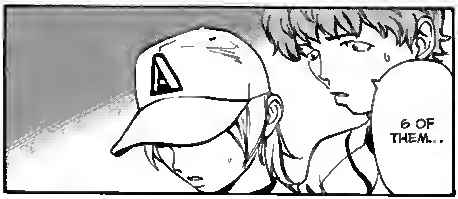
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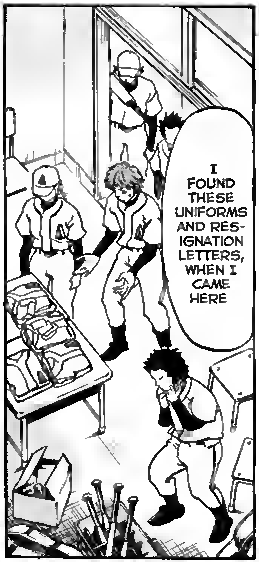
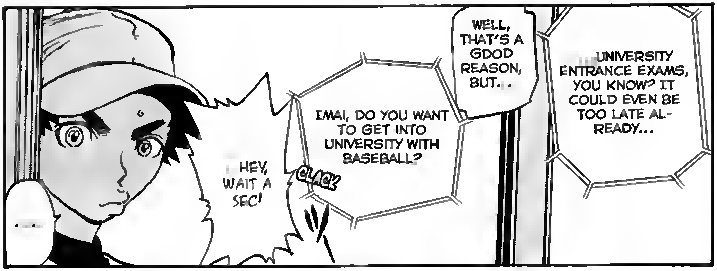
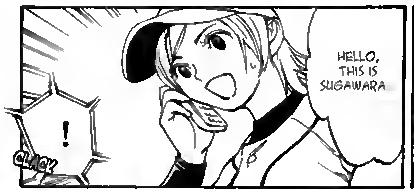

I FOUND THESE UNIFORMS AND RESIGNATION LETTERS, WHEN I CAME HERE

...AH! KUROSAKI, WHY DID YOU RESIGN?

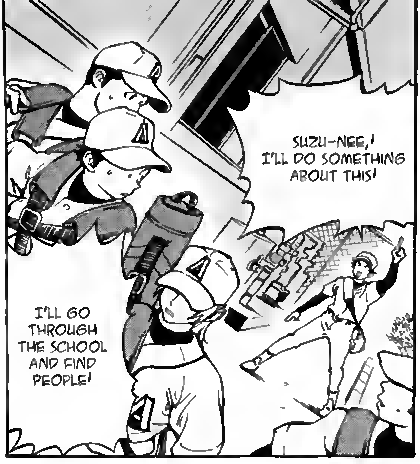

...
HEY, WAIT A SEC!
CLACK
IMAI, DO YOU WANT TO GET INTO UNIVERSITY WITH BASEBALL?
WELL, THAT'S A GOOD REASON, BUT...
UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE EXAMS, YOU KNOW? IT COULD EVEN BE TOO LATE ALREADY...

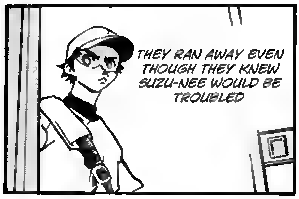
SPARE ME ALREADY!!
CLACK
NISHIMURA!!
HEY, ARAKI
I ONLY WANTED TO HAVE FUN AT PLAYING BASEBALL...
CLACK
...
NO.
IT'S NO USE IN TRYING SO HARD FOR A PUBLIC SCHOOL.
CLACK
EH?
IT'S TOO HARD
HEY SHIROKAWA, YOU DON'T HAVE EXAMS, RIGHT? YOU'RE A SECOND YEAR.


!
CLACK
HELLO, THIS IS SUGAWARA

GIVE IT TO ME, IMAI-KUN

THERE WERE ONLY TEN OF US TO BEGIN WITH
WE HAVE A PRACTICE MATCH NOW
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
NOW THERE'RE ONLY FOUR OF US! FOUR!!
THOSE GUYS...
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, THEY'VE BEEN SNEAKY LATELY ...
AH! THEY TURNED OFF THEIR CELLS
JUST GET READY
IMAI-KUN, CALL EVERYONE AGAIN
THEN TEXT THEM AND LEAVE MESSAGES ON THEIR ANSWERING MACHINES !!
SAY THAT WE'LL BE WAITING WITH THEIR UNIFORMS


SUZU-NEE,! I'LL DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS!
I'LL GO THROUGH THE SCHOOL AND FIND PEOPLE!


THEY RAN AWAY EVEN THOUGH THEY KNEW SUZU-NEE WOULD BE TROUBLED

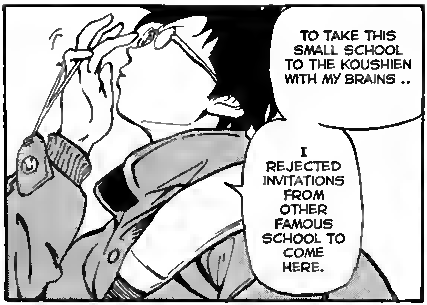
BUNCHA COWARDS!
RESIGNATION

IF WE CAN GET ENOUGH PEOPLE, EVEN THOUGH THEY'LL BE AMATEURS, I WILL

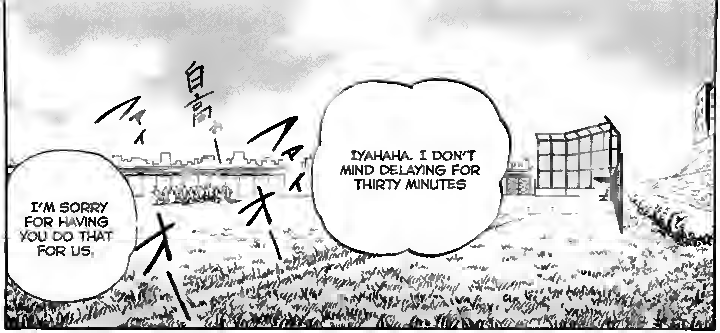
EVERYONE WILL DEFINITELY COME
THERE ISN'T ANYTHING YOU HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT.

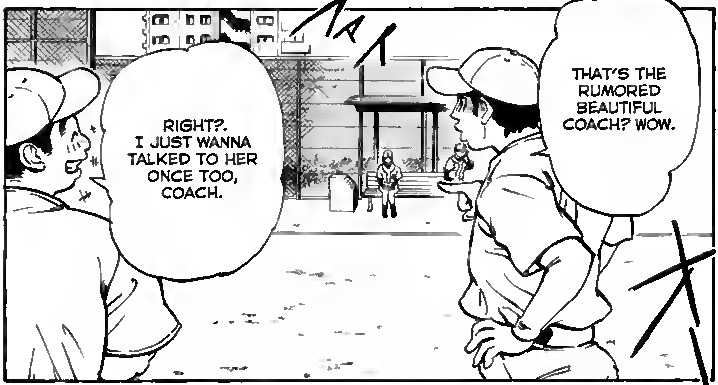
THERE IS NO WAY THEY'LL COME!
I CAN'T SAY THAT.

FUFU . I HAVE A STRONG SENSE OF DUTY, TOO.

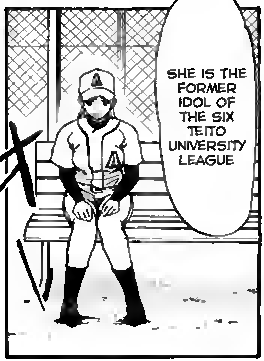

TO TAKE THIS SMALL SCHOOL TO THE KOUSHIEN WITH MY BRAINS ..
I REJECTED INVITATIONS FROM OTHER FAMOUS SCHOOL TO COME HERE.

WHA-?
MASA-HARU?
AH?

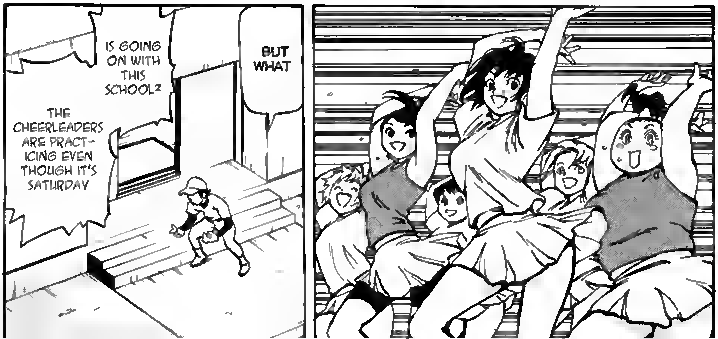

I'M SORRY FOR HAVING YOU DO THAT FOR US.
IYAHAHA. I DON'T MIND DELAYING FOR THIRTY MINUTES


RIGHT?. I JUST WANNA TALKED TO HER ONCE TOO, COACH.
THAT'S THE RUMORED BEAUTIFUL COACH? WOW.

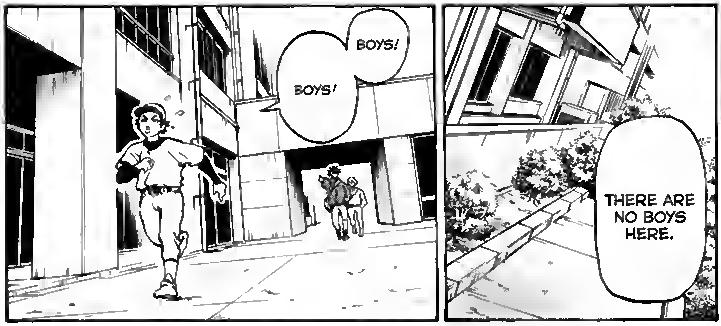
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? I'M JUST BEING AN EXAMPLE TO HER, AS A FELLOW HIGH SCHOOL COACH.
HAHAA, COACH··· SO THAT'S WHY YOU ACCEPTED A PRACTICE MATCH WITH AOIZAKA HIGH.


SHE IS THE FORMER IDOL OF THE SIX TEITO UNIVERSITY LEAGUE

A!
O!
!!
WE ARE NO.1!!
NO.1!!
W- WOOW.


BUT WHAT IS GOING ON WITH THIS SCHOOL?
THE CHEERLEADERS ARE PRACTICING EVEN THOUGH IT'S SATURDAY

BUT SUZU-
NEE WASN'T
EXAGGERATING
BEFORE.
THERE'S
NO GROUND
FOR USING
HARDBALLS
.....


BOYS!
BOYS!
THERE ARE
NO BOYS
HERE.

HEY,
CLOWN.

HAKASE ?
KYOUKO!
IT'S KITAROU AFTER ALL.
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL.
STOP CALLING US THAT. WE AREN'T KIDS ANYMORE.
MATSUKATA MASAHARU (15 YEARS)
UMEMIYA UKYOU (15 YEARS)

WHY ARE YOU ....
AH---- AH---!
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ばば!
TCH
....SAMURAI BRAID!
AFRO!

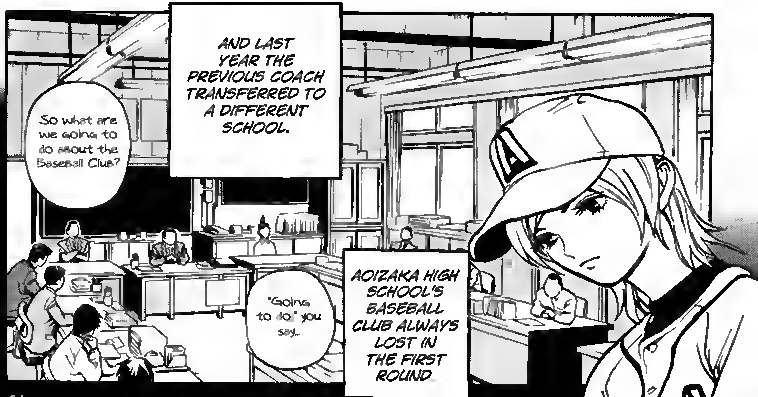
SO I'M THE ONLY IDIOT TO COME HERE ...
SHIBATA SHINNOSUKE (15 YEARS)
EVERY ONE OF YOU ACTING SO COOL.
SAME TO YOU.
I'M NOT ACTING.
I WAS COOL FROM THE BEGINNING.
NO TSUKKOMI?*
HEY, KITAROU
WHERE'S MASTER?
KOBAYASHI KOTETSU (15 YEARS)

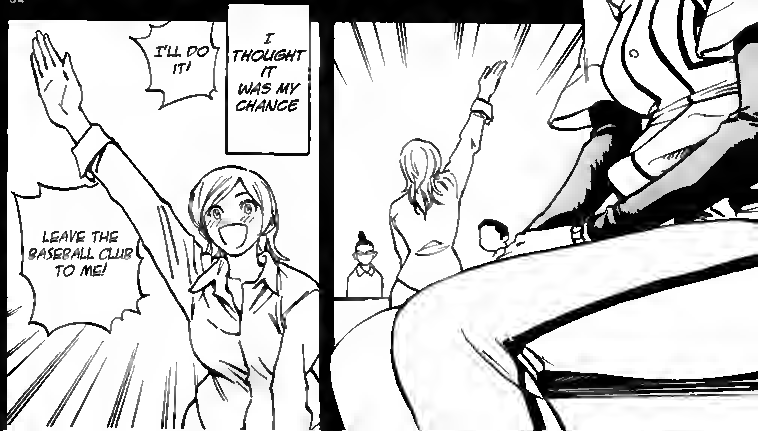
*TL Note: Comedy Duo (Manzai)= Boke + Tsukkomi. Boke says something and Tsukkomi makes fun of it.

SUZU-
NEE IS...
SAY!
YOU!
DI?!
WHAT?!

MASTER
IS?

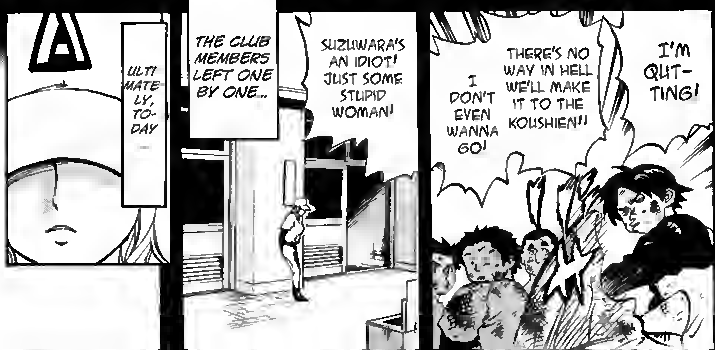
DAMN
The number you dialed could not be reached...


AND LAST YEAR THE PREVIOUS COACH TRANSFERRED TO A DIFFERENT SCHOOL.
So what are we going to do about the Baseball Club?
"Going to do," you say...
AOIZAKA HIGH SCHOOL'S BASEBALL CLUB ALWAYS LOST IN THE FIRST ROUND


I'LL DO IT!
I THOUGHT IT WAS MY CHANCE
LEAVE THE BASEBALL CLUB TO ME!

I'LL SHOW YOU THAT I WILL BE A COACH WHO TAKES US TO THE KOUSHIEN!
AT THE TIME, I DIDN'T KNOW THE REAL MEANING OF THAT POSITION.
JUST WATCH
I WAS FIRED UP!
BUT WITHIN A WEEK, OUR MEMBERS WERE CUT IN HALF.
I STOPPED THAT SOME-HOW.
BUT IF I BROKE DOWN THEN, I THOUGHT I WOULD BE DISRE-SPECTED
SO I WAS EVEN MORE FIRED UP.
BUT IN SUMMER, AND THEN IN SPRING, WE LOST IN THE FIRST ROUND.
DESPITE ALL THE BIG TALK, THIS IS ALL SHE CAN DO
TL NOTE: FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DON'T KNOW, KOUSHIEN COMES TWICE A YEAR, SUMMER AND SPRING

YEAH PLAYING BASEBALL AND TEACHING IT ARE TWO DIFFERENT THINGS
SHE WASN'T CUT OUT FOR COACHING
WE JUST CAN LEAVE THE KOUSHIEN TO THE PRIVATE SCHOOLS
IT WOULD COST A LOT OF MONEY.
So troubling.
WELL EVEN IF WE WENT TO THE KOUSHIEN BY MISTAKE, IT WOULD BE TROUBLESOME.
I CAN'T SAY ANYTHING TO THEM BECAUSE I HAVEN'T PRODUCED ANY RESULTS
WE WERE ASKED TO CUT BACK ON CLUB ACTIVITY TIME.
ALSO, AT THE LAST PTA MEETING,
!?


ULTIMATELY, TODAY...
THE CLUB MEMBERS LEFT ONE BY ONE...
SUZUWARA'S AN IDIOT! JUST SOME STUPID WOMAN!
I DON'T EVEN WANNA GO!
THERE'S NO WAY IN HELL WE'LL MAKE IT TO THE KOUSHIEN!!
I'M QUITTING!

NEITHER THE SCHOOL NOR THE PARENTS WISHED FOR OUR TEAM TO BECOME STRONG.
BECAUSE THEY'RE ATHLETES ...
... NOTHING WAS EXPECTED FOR THEM!!

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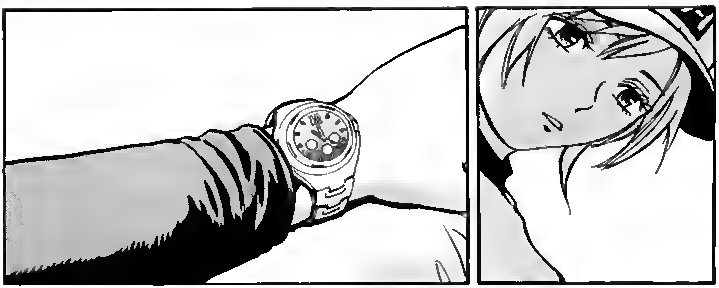

Se-
Sensei.
Let's wait a little bit more.
OKAY,
I HAVE TO GO APOLO-GIZE.
I- I...
ME TOO
will beg them
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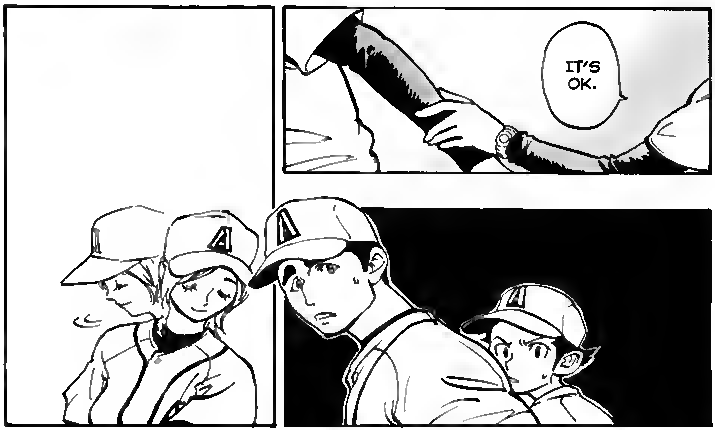
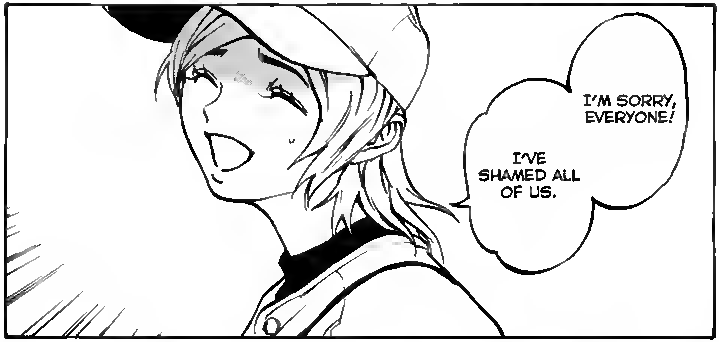
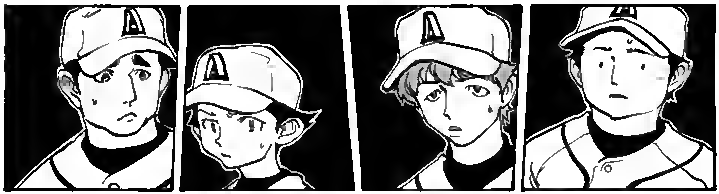
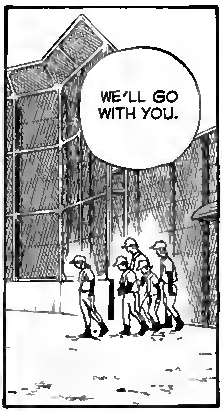
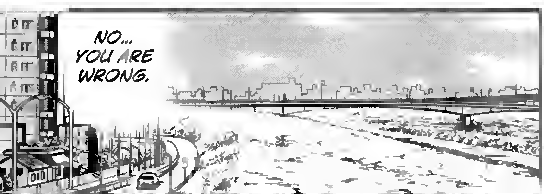

IT'S OK.

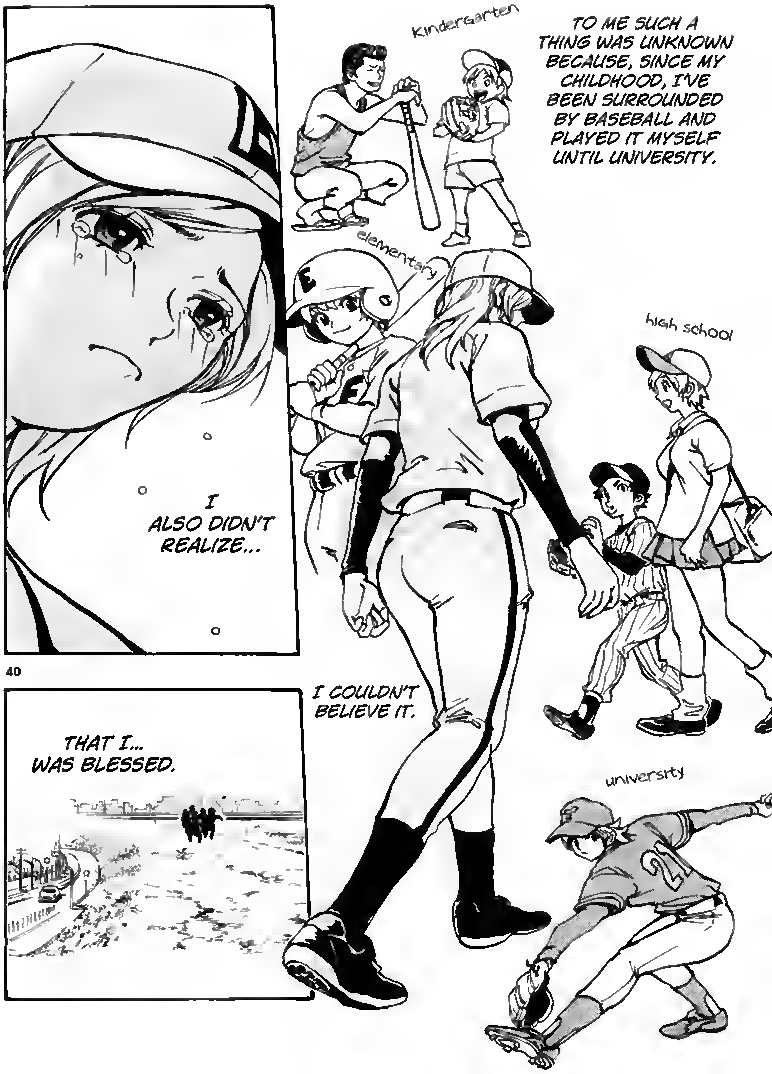

I'M SORRY, EVERYONE!
I'VE SHAMED ALL OF US.



I'm sorry if I were more of a captain.

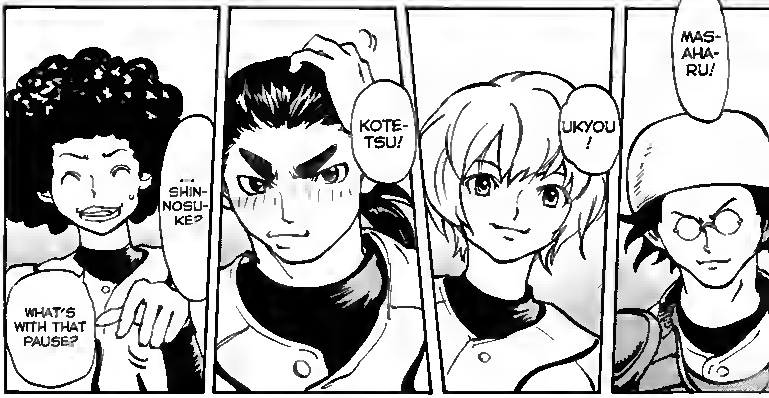

WE'LL GO WITH YOU.

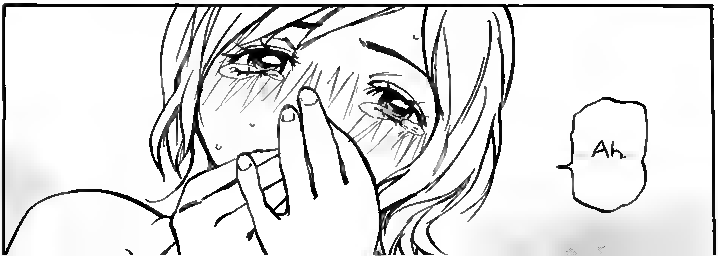

NO... YOU ARE WRONG.


I ALSO DIDN'T REALIZE...
Kindergarten
elementary
high school
university
TO ME SUCH A THING WAS UNKNOWN BECAUSE, SINCE MY CHILDHOOD, I'VE BEEN SURROUNDED BY BASEBALL AND PLAYED IT MYSELF UNTIL UNIVERSITY.
I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT.
THAT I... WAS BLESSED.

I DON'T WANT THESE KIDS, WHO STILL FOLLOW ME...
IF I LOSE HERE...
BUT I WON'T BE DEFEATED BY THAT
...I'M SORRY.
WHAT?
...TO COME TO HATE BASEBALL!
Smile in a pinch!
Get the victory!

Ah...


MAS-AHA-RU!
UKYOU!
KOTE-TSU!
...SHIN-NOSU-KE?
WHAT'S WITH THAT PAUSE?


Ah.

Kept you waiting...
Suzu-nee!!

NOT SINCE OUR ARAKAWA BOMBERS DAYS...
YEAH— 3 YEARS.

THEN ...
SHALL WE GO?
BOMB-ERS!
FIRE!
ON!

Play ball!
おお
FIRE!
FIRE!
ON!
ON!

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SUDDENLY, A SAFETY BUNT!
SECOND, SHINNOSUKE! SECOND!
Safe!

No outs! Runner on first and second!
A hit in front of the right fielder.

AND THAT'S UMEMIYA FROM ARAWA SENIOR
COULD HE BE SHIBATA FROM AKANE MIDDLE SCHOOL?

ALSO MATSUKATA FROM SUMI MIDDLE SCHOOL?

BACK! BACK!
IT GOT THRO-UGH!
RIGHT SIDE!
HYA
2 RUNS RIGHT AT THE BEGINNING! A GOOD START.
TEAM 1 2
A 2
S
HEEEY, FOUR EYES!
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OKAY, OKAY. I'LL BUY YOU SOME GOOD STATS LATER, SO GIMME A BREAK.

DON'T RUIN MY RBI.
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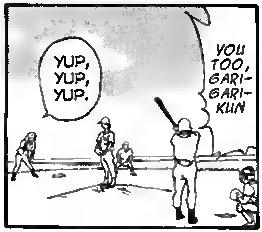
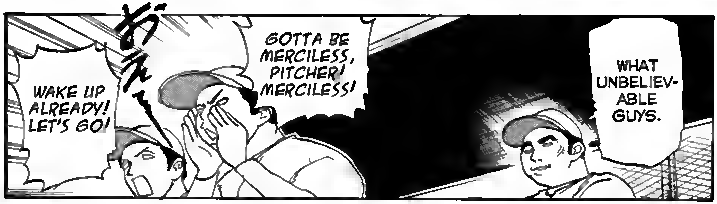
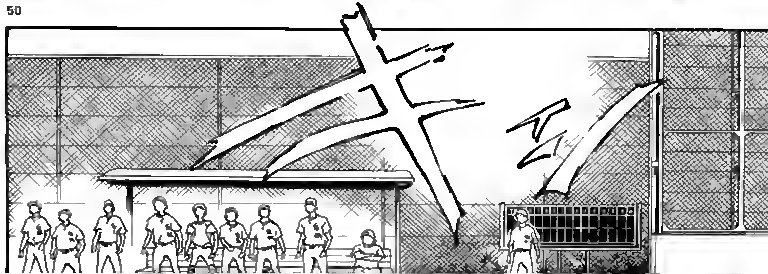
SMALL FRY HAVE TO ACT LIKE SMALL FRY AND ONLY HIT SINGLES!


YUP, YUP, YUP.
YOU TOO, GARI-GARI-KUN


WAKE UP ALREADY! LET'S GO!
GOTTA BE MERCILESS, PITCHER! MERCILESS!
WHAT UNBELIEV-ABLE GUYS.



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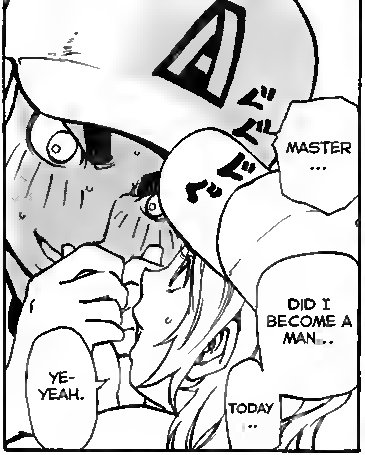
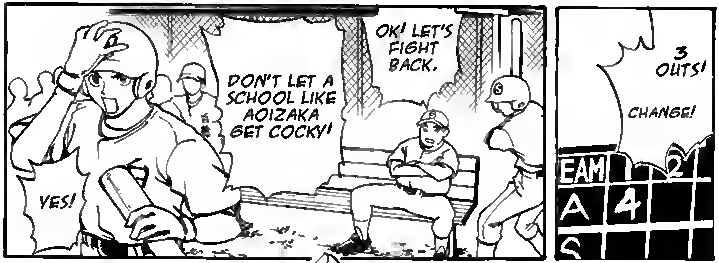
TWO RUNS, YEAHH-!!
IT'S KOBAYASHI KOTETSU FROM ICHIJOU SENIOR!



Reckless Make me a man too T_T



PLAY!
DAMN
WHY ARE SUCH GOOD PLAYERS IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL ...

WHAT?!
KITAROU!

Submarine
Pitch!

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U-WAA-TCH!~...

KITA-OOJI ...
KITA-ROU'S SUB-MA-RINE!
THAT FORM IS SAKURA MIDDLE SCHOOL'S ...
HE... HEEE?
EEEEEEH? A LEFT-HANDED UNDER THROW?
AH ...
MH?

Strike!
No way

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EEHZ
IS THAT BALL 2
WHAT—
Strike!
Strike! Batter out!
Batter out!

YEAH !!
I CAN WIN AGAINST LAST YEAR'S BEST 16 SHIRO HIGH.
WHAT IS HE?
W-WOW.
59
WHEN YOU'RE STANDING IN THE RIGHT BOX, YOU SEE THE BALL CLEARLY, RIGHT?
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE BATTING LEFT-HANDED.
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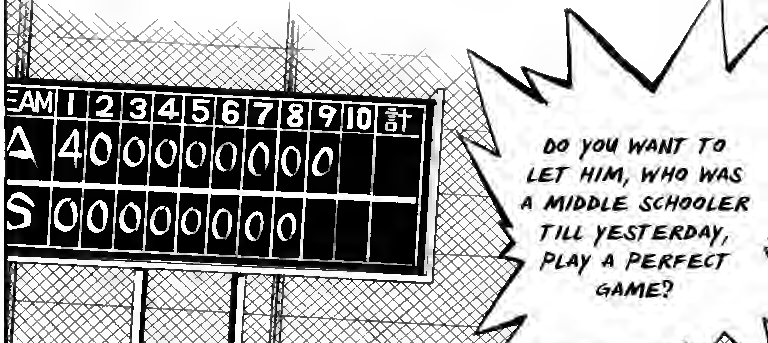
I can't hit it
I've never seen a left-handed Submarine before.
And on top of that the throw is demonic.


EAM 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 計
A 4 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
S 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
DO YOU WANT TO LET HIM, WHO WAS A MIDDLE SCHOOLER TILL YESTERDAY, PLAY A PERFECT GAME?

Note. Perfect game = no-hitter, shut-out, complete game

SAFETY BUNT!
!!
A FAIL-URE!
A perfect loss...
AL-RIGHT!

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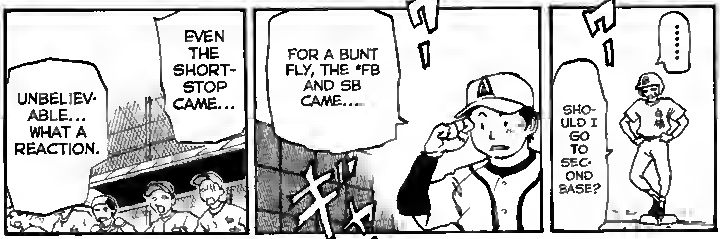
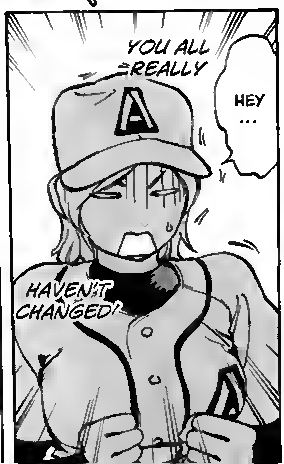
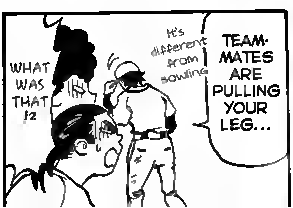


*FB and Sb = firstbaseman and Secondbaseman



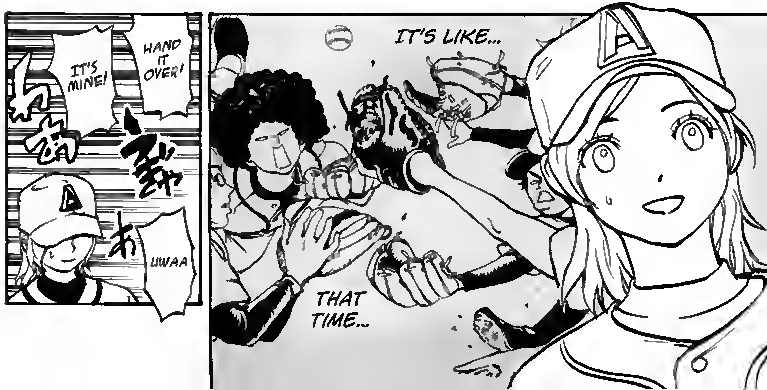


YE
AH!!
Strike!
Batter out!

No hits, no runs...
Game set!
AM 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
4 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
4
8 9 10
0 0
4
0 0
0
Good game!
THIS ...
MASTER.
Aww

UNFORGIV ABLE!
CHEAP SHOT.
CHE- AP.
FOUR- EYES ...

IT WAS BECAUSE OF MY FIRST HIT!
IT WAS BECAUSE OF MY BRAINS.
WHO DO YOU THINK THREW A NO HITTER?
IT'S ME!
I'M THE ONE WHO IS HANDING OVER THE WINNING BALL!
THAT WAS YOUR ONLY HIT!


IT'S MINE!
HAND IT OVER!
UWAA
IT'S LIKE...
THAT TIME...

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GIVE IT TO ME.
OK, ON "NO".
WITH THIS ...

Se—
no!
Today is the beginning of the Aoizaka Public High School legend which will be passed down in history.

SAIKYOU! TORITSU AOIZAKA KOUKOU YAKYUUBU

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TRANSLATOR: PROZESS

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TYPESETTER: RECKLESSMINPS

Q-CER: KAJII & LORPLESTAT

Chapter 2:
Here comes Kou-chin and the Koushien!

OK, WITH THE FIVE OF US HERE,
LET'S GO!
BOMB-ERS FIRE...
MH?
SIX PEOPLE?
わ
Kou-chin?
LONG TIME NO SEE.
ニコッ
東王

I QUIT
TOUOU!
LET'S GET COACH TO THE KOUSHIEN!
Kou-chi~ ~n!
BOMBERS
FIRE
BOMB!
FIRE
...taro ...
Kitarou !!
BAM!
Mh ?
Ur
...?
Ouch ...
HEY, KITAROU, IT'S OUR STOP
3
WHAT?
Kou-chin?
新大阪
しんおおさか
Shin-Ōsaka

I WILL GET SUZU-NEE TO THE KOUSHIEN!
IT'S BEEN SIX YEARS SINCE "THOSE TEARS"
YEAH, FINALLY...
we get to the Koush-ien!!

KITAROU SHINNO-SUKE! WE'RE LEAVING YOU BEHIND
COACH TOOK US HERE!
WE DIDN'T GET TO THE KOUSHIEN!
Ouch, ouch.
YOU STUPID CLOWN
WHAT?
KOU-CHIN QUIT TOUOU AND CAME TO JOIN US!
LET'S SEE THE FIRST BASE SIDE IS...
REALLY
WELL, IT HAPPENED IN MY DREAM, SO...

I'VE ALWAYS HESITATED IN COMING HERE.
TO BUY A TICKET AND SET FOOT IN THIS STADIUM,
WAS LIKE ADMITTING THE DREAM WAS OVER.
THE PLACE I ONCE ADMIRED...
AS THE HOLY LAND OF MY DREAMS.
I'M NOT AFRAID
SUZU-NEE!
BUT NOW...

COACH---
WHY ARE YOU SPACING OUT?
Hurry up!
MY DREAM HASN'T ENDED YET...
IT'S NOT OVER YET...

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SORRY, SORRY.
IT'S STILL GOING!
IT'S STILL GOING!

Spring begins with this High School Baseball Tournament's ending!
What result is waiting for us under this blue sky!?

VERSUS
Tokyo representative Toyou Academy!!
Kouchi representative Houtoku High School!!
The finale!!

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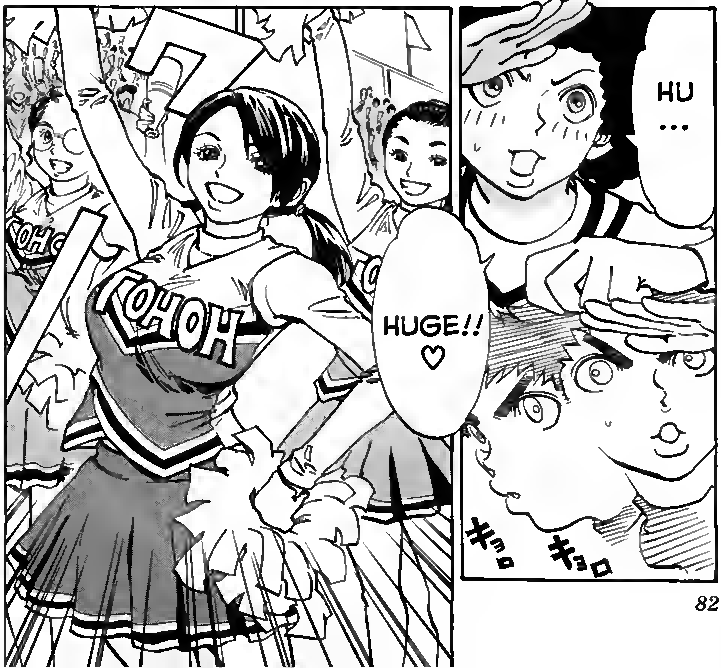
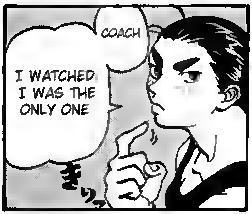
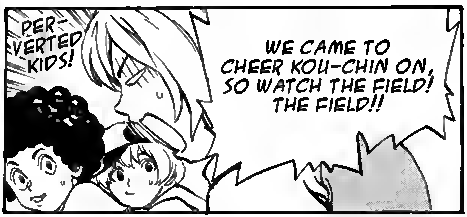
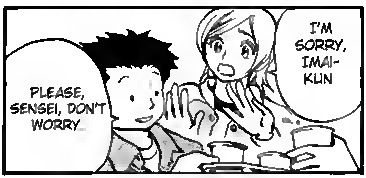


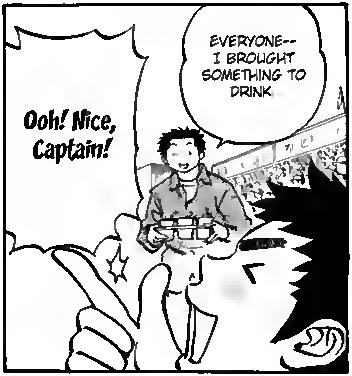
OH!
OH!

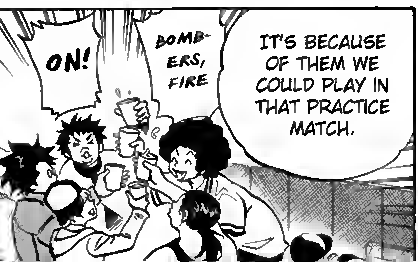
TWELFTH ROW FROM TOP, SECOND SEAT FROM THE LEFT
.....
HEY, THAT GIRL'S NOT BAD.
WHERE? WHICH ONE?
WHAT'S SO GOOD ABOUT PISS-GROSS BITCHES?
MORE ADULT ONES ...
LIKE SUZUO

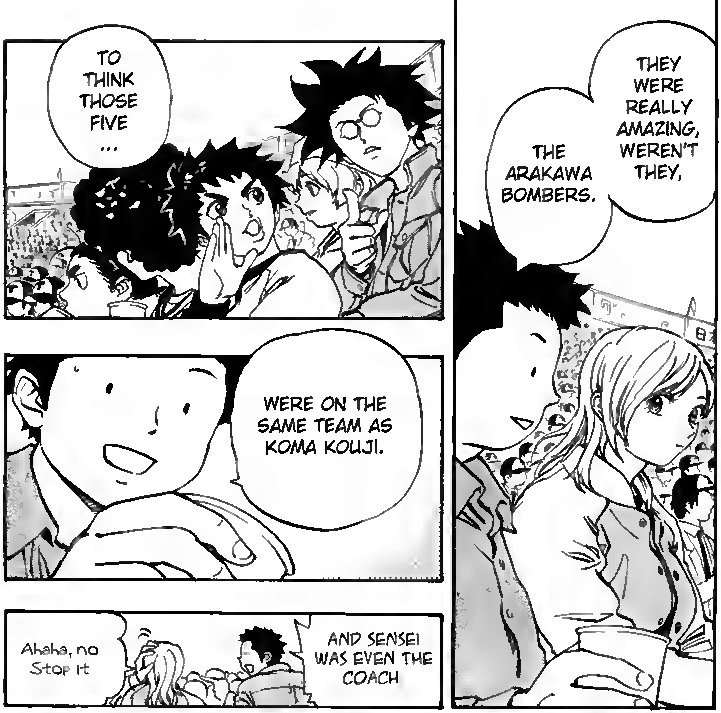

COACH
I WATCHED I WAS THE ONLY ONE

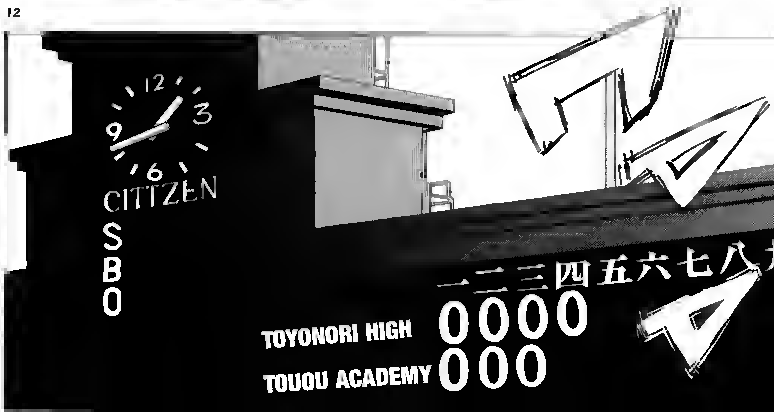

PER-VERTED KIDS!
WE CAME TO CHEER KOU-CHIN ON, SO WATCH THE FIELD! THE FIELD!!


I'M SORRY, IMAI-KUN
PLEASE, SENSEI, DON'T WORRY


EVERYONE-- I BROUGHT SOMETHING TO DRINK
Ooh! Nice, Captain!


ON!
BOMB-ERS, FIRE
IT'S BECAUSE OF THEM WE COULD PLAY IN THAT PRACTICE MATCH.


THEY WERE REALLY AMAZING, WEREN'T THEY,
THE ARAKAWA BOMBERS.
TO THINK THOSE FIVE ...
WERE ON THE SAME TEAM AS KOMA KOUJI.
AND SENSEI WAS EVEN THE COACH
Ahaha, no Stop it


CITIZEN
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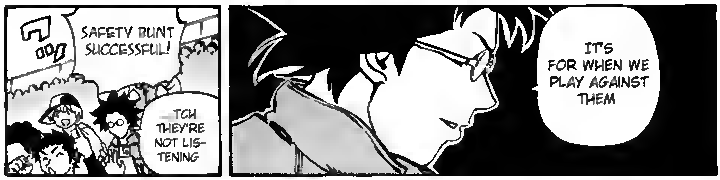
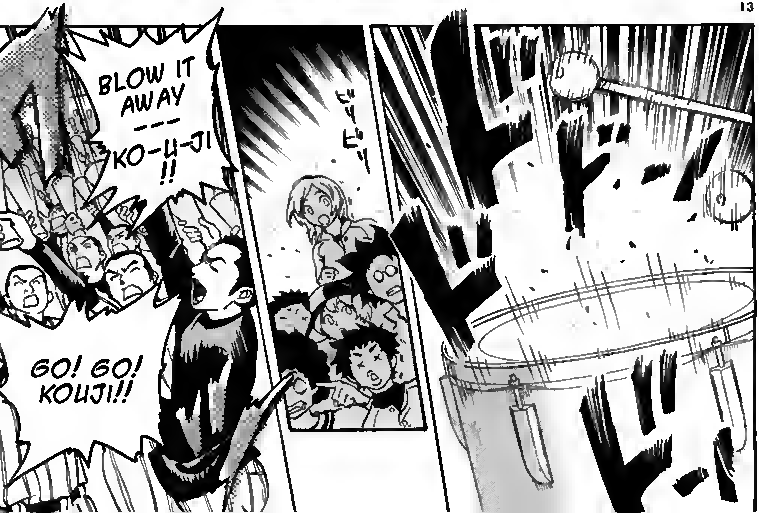
TOYONORI HIGH 0000
TOUOU ACADEMY 000

Bottom of the 4th inning, Touou with no outs and a runner on first!!
SO, WILL THEY ADVANCE HIM SAFELY HERE?
KEEPING SCORE, MASHARU?
WOW, EVEN THE KINDS OF THROWS
YOU CAN SEE THAT FROM HERE?
YEAH, KIND OF
GOOD JOB!
AS EXPECTED


SAFETY BUNT SUCCESSFUL!
TCH THEY'RE NOT LISTENING
IT'S FOR WHEN WE PLAY AGAINST THEM


BLOW IT AWAY ---
KO-U-JI !!
GO! GO! KOUJI!!

Batting fourth, left-fielder Koma-kun.
カッセ
WHAT AN ATMO-SPHERE HERE...
Hey, Stand up!
Kou-chin!!
WHAT YOU WOULD EXPECT FROM THE HERO OF THIS TOURNA-MENT...
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Kou-chan!
TO THINK THAT THE CHUBBY KOUJI WOULD ...
TO THINK THAT THE FATASS KOUJI WOULD ...
FAT? CHUBBY?

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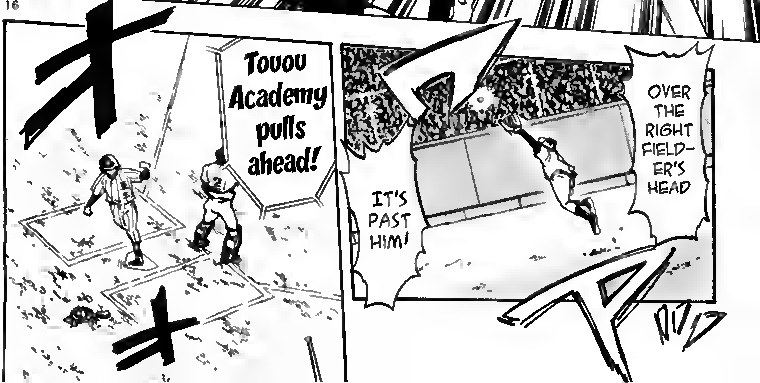
A sharp hit!!


Touou Academy pulls ahead!
IT'S PAST HIM!
OVER THE RIGHT FIELDER'S HEAD

A perfect double!!
And he calmly advances to second base!
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And his already famous wooden bat!
With it, he's hit three homers in the four games leading to this final.
Koma!
Kouji!!

He is the hot topic of this tournament...
A shocking first year slugger!!!
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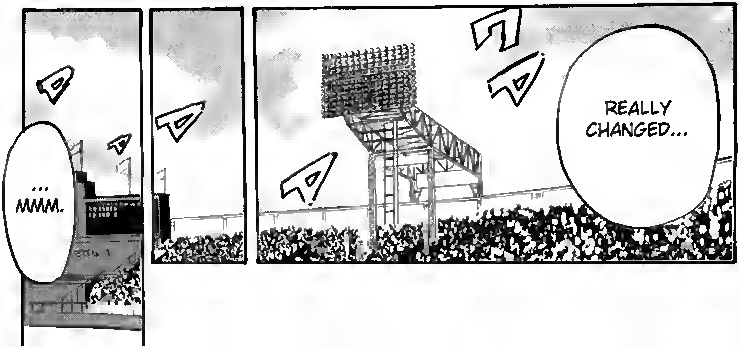
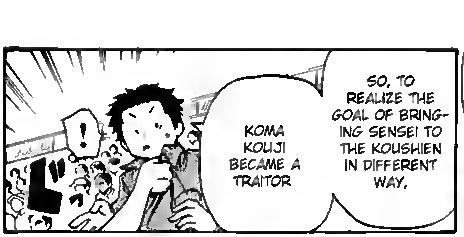
Ko-ma--kuu-un!
I love you----♡
So popular
that Kou-chin..

FATTY KOUJI..
CHUBBY KOUJI..
?


REALLY CHANGED...
...MMM.

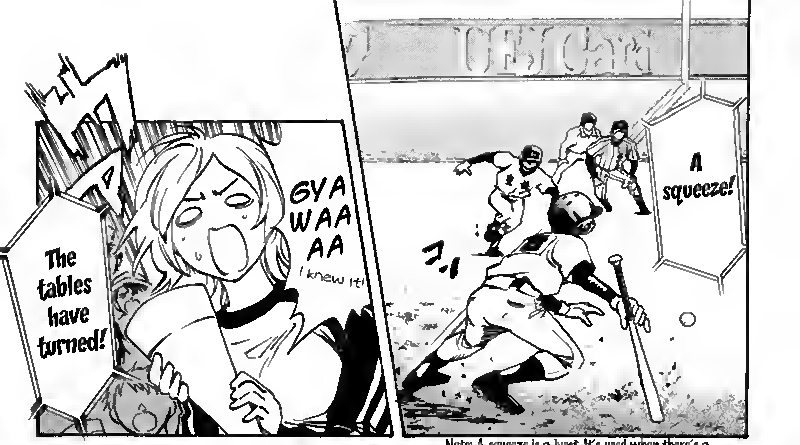

KOMA KOUJI BECAME A TRAITOR
SO, TO REALIZE THE GOAL OF BRINGING SENSE! TO THE KOUSHIEN IN DIFFERENT WAY.

---WELL THEN...
HAVE A MEGAPHONE.
THANK YOU!

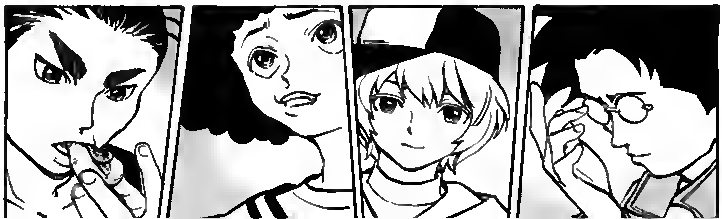
Note: He's talking like that because of the food
IT WAS JUST IRONIC.
DON'T TALK LIKE YOU KNOW!!
YO, CAPTAIN KOU-HIN DI'N'T TURN INTO A TRAITOR!

WATCH OUT!
A FIRST PITCH SQUEEZE IS COMING!
AH!
There's a runner on third!!
The score is tied!

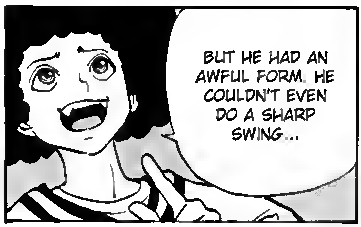
EAST TOKYO'S TOUOU ACADEMY WILL BE AN INEVITABLE AND UNDEFEATABLE OPPONENT.
IF YOU PLAN ON TAKING SENSE! HERE AS YOUR COACH,



Note: A squeeze is a bunt. It's used when there's a runner on third and with one or no outs



AFTER "THAT SUMMER", HE WAS PROBABLY THE ONE WHO PRACTICED THE MOST.


BUT HE HAD AN AWFUL FORM. HE COULDN'T EVEN DO A SHARP SWING...

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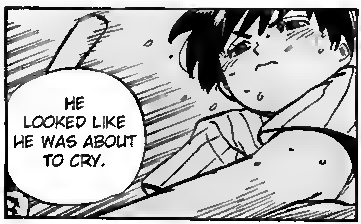
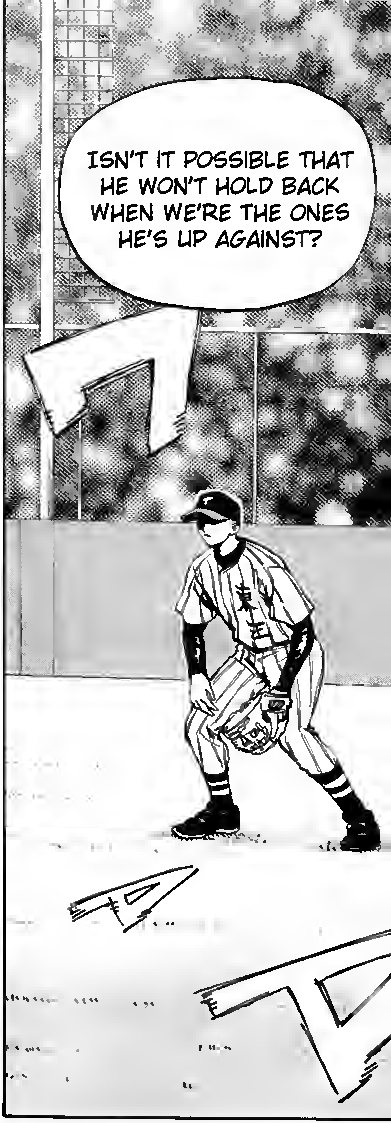
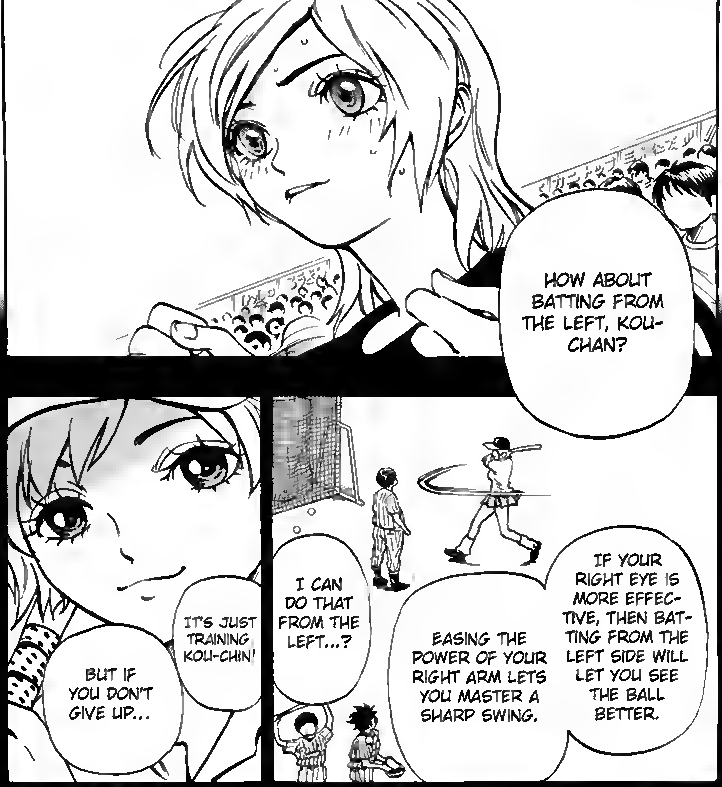

HE LOOKED LIKE HE WAS ABOUT TO CRY.

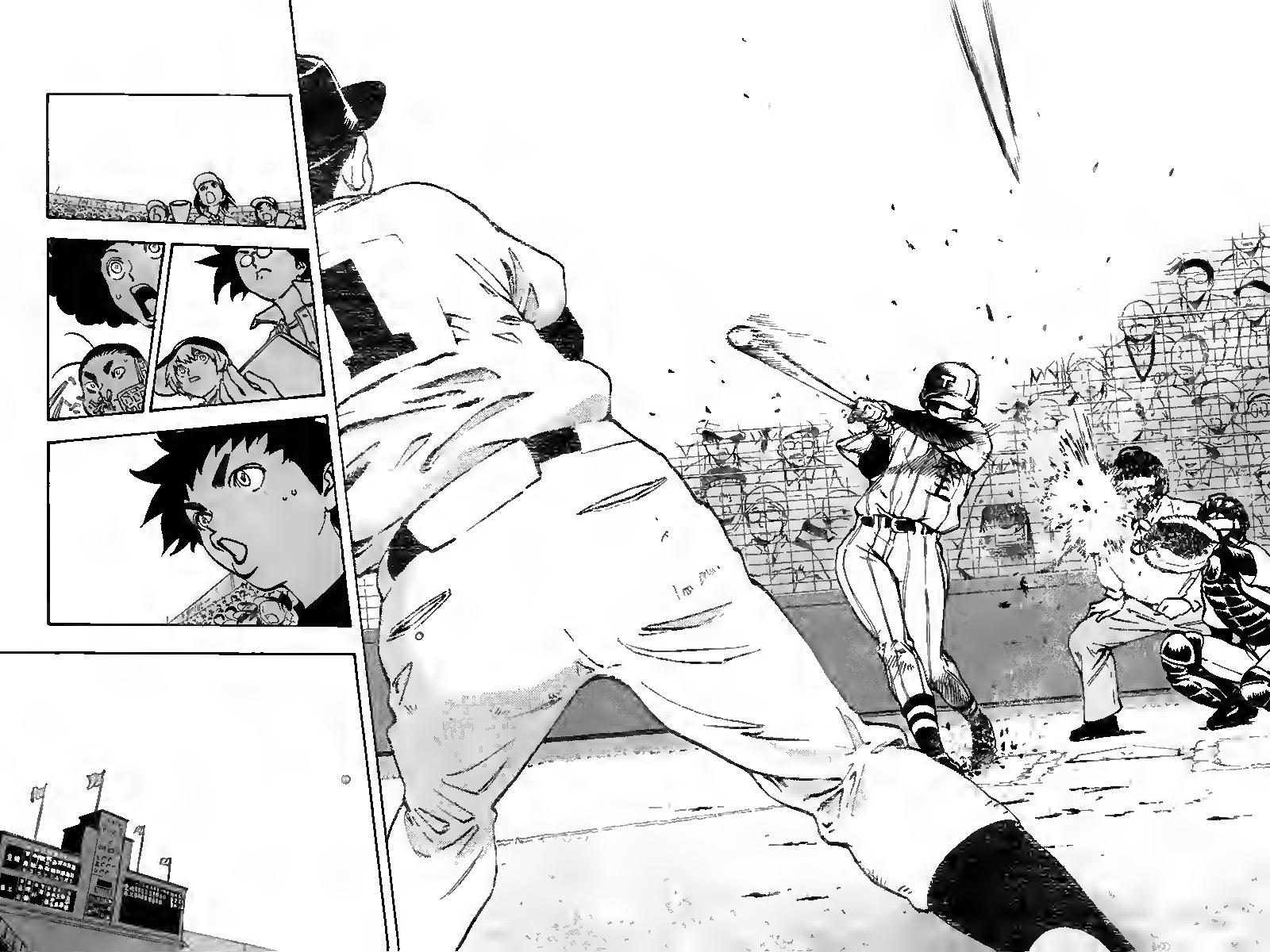

ISN'T IT POSSIBLE THAT HE WON'T HOLD BACK WHEN WE'RE THE ONES HE'S UP AGAINST?

KITAROU, STAND STILL THERE.
BUT COACH FIXED THAT.
KOU-CHIN, MAKE A CIRCLE WITH YOUR FINGERS AND LOOK THROUGH IT SO YOU SEE KITAROU
AH, NO. WITH BOTH EYES
I SEE HIM.
OK. THEN NOW CLOSE YOUR LEFT EYE AND LOOK ONLY WITH YOUR RIGHT.

AH, I CAN'T SEE HIM.
WHAT ABOUT WITH JUST THE LEFT?
I CAN SEE HIM
AND?
GOOD, KOU-CHIN! YOU'RE MORE EFFECTIVE WITH YOUR RIGHT EYE!
"EFFEC-TIVE"?
IT MEANS YOU SEE BETTER WITH IT.
In the bottom of the 9th inning, Touou got three hits after two outs!
A hit!
Kya aaaa aa!!
With a long shot to win from behind, Koma Kouji enters the batter's box!!
Bases are loaded! A hit will tie the game!!

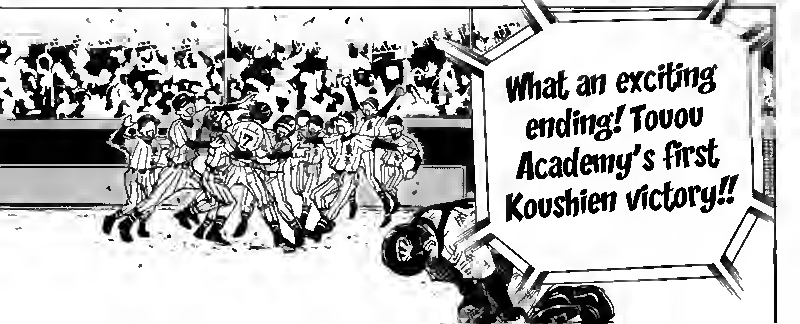

HOW ABOUT BATTING FROM THE LEFT, KOU-CHAN?
I CAN DO THAT FROM THE LEFT...?
EASING THE POWER OF YOUR RIGHT ARM LETS YOU MASTER A SHARP SWING.
IF YOUR RIGHT EYE IS MORE EFFECTIVE, THEN BATTING FROM THE LEFT SIDE WILL LET YOU SEE THE BALL BETTER.
IT'S JUST TRAINING, KOU-CHIN!
BUT IF YOU DON'T GIVE UP...

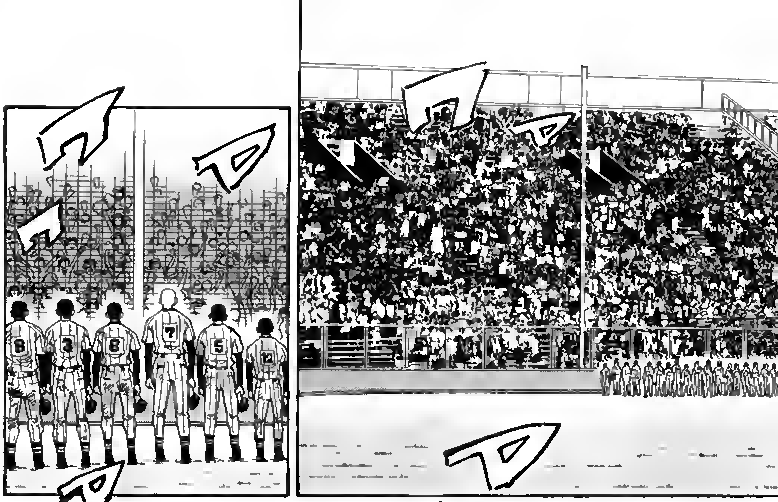
I'M SURE YOU'LL BE A GREAT BATTER.
He hit it!

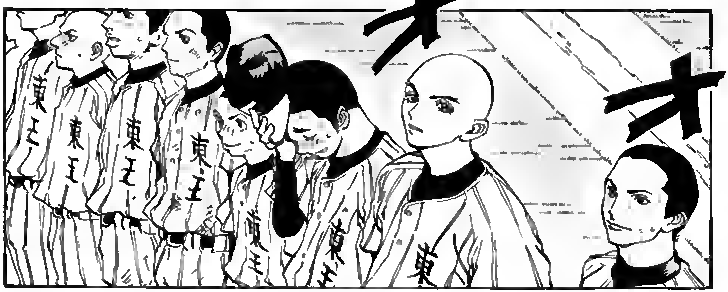


TOHOM!
TOHOM!

A home run.
Score turned around. Last hit. Bases loaded.
WHOA WHOA
YEAH ~ ~ ~ ~
HOLD BACK A BIT, GEEZ.


What an exciting ending! Touou Academy's first Koushien victory!!





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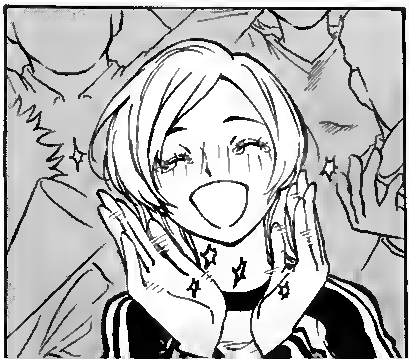
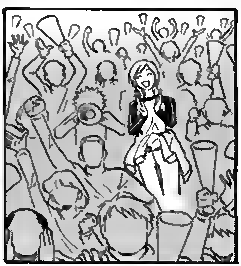
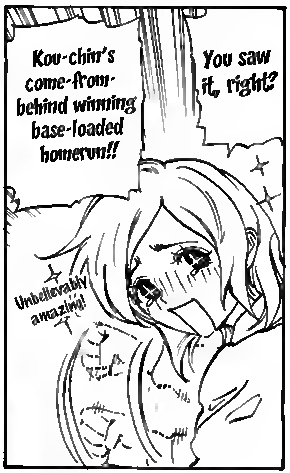




Thank you!
The indigo victory flag is now in the hands of Touou Academy's captain, Oyamada-kun...

The best!!!
Aah!
So exciting!
That was amazing!

Uhuhu huhu
Wonderful.
EH, YEAH.


You saw it, right?
Kou-chin's come-from-behind winning base-loaded homerun!!
Unbelievably amazing!

HAHAHA, YOU'RE JUST JEALOUS, KOTETSU.
I CAN'T HONESTLY CONGRATULATE KOU-CHIN...
UKYOU, I WONDER WHY...

IT'S A MIXED UP KIND OF FEELING
BUT IT'S FINE IF SUZU-NEE IS THIS HAPPY.
KOU-CHAN FULFILLED "THAT SUMMER" IN HIS WAY.
BUT WE CAN MAKE COACH MAKE EVEN HAPPIER!

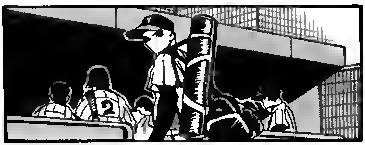
NEXT TIME, LET'S BRING SUZU-NEE HERE AS A COACH.

I WILL DO IT.
I WILL
I WILL.
I WILL DO IT.
IT WILL BE ME!

HEY, SUZU-NEE, AREN'T YOU HUNGRY?
YOU GUYS... DON'T TELL ME YOU FEEL LIKE EATING HERE
OF COURSE! COMING TO KANSAI MEANS
EATING TA-KOYA-KI!
オオ
OKONOMI-YAKI!

NO ONE FROM TOUOU IS TAKING ANY DIRT WITH THEM?
ARE THEY THAT CONFIDENT THAT THEY WILL COME AGAIN IN THE SUMMER?
THAT ISN'T REALLY CUTE.
IS THAT TO KEEP THEMSELVES MOTIVATED?

THEY'RE CRYING.
BE-CAUSE THEY'RE WEAK.



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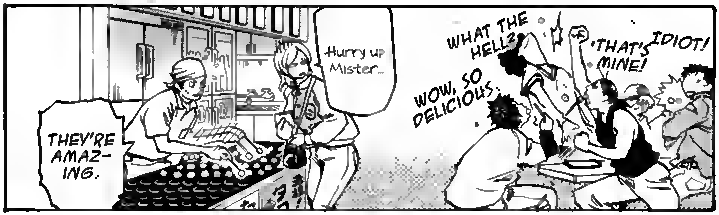
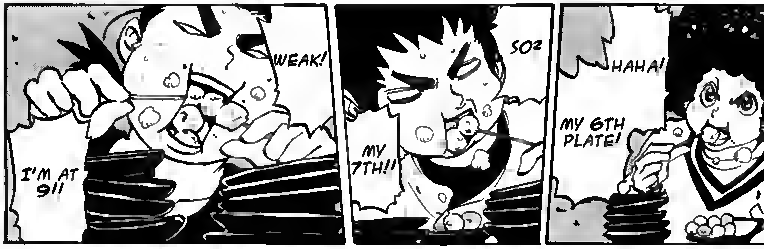

Hurry up Mister...
THEY'RE AMAZ-ING.
WHAT THE HELL?
WOW, SO DELICIOUS.
IDIOT!
THAT'S MINE!


WEAK!
I'M AT 9!!
SO?
MY 7TH!!
HAHA!
MY 6TH PLATE!

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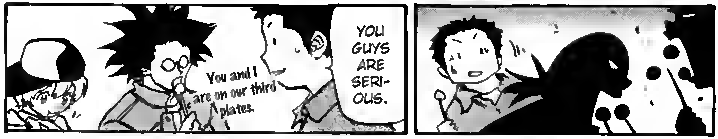
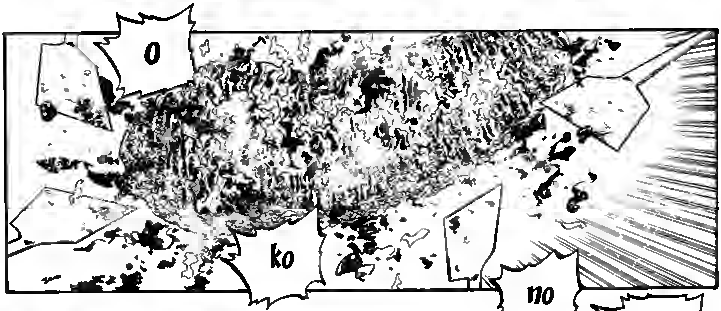

You and I are on our third plates.
YOU GUYS ARE SERI-OUS.

AFTER THAT STILL COMES OKONOMIYAKI
THIS MUCH IS PERFECT
YEAH.
THEY'RE FREAKS.
DON'T GROUP US TOGETHER WITH THEM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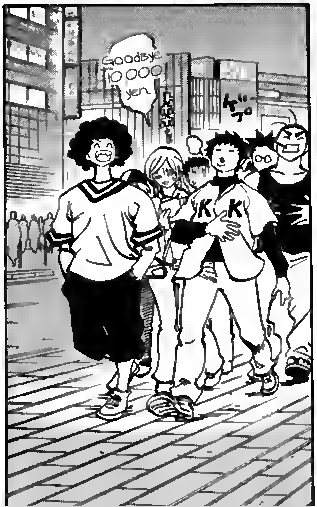
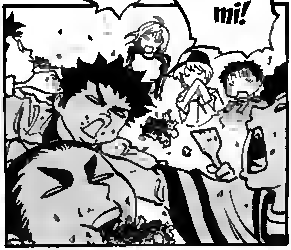

Goodbye TOOOO yen



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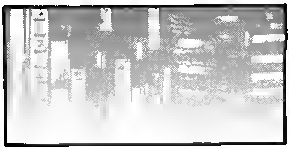
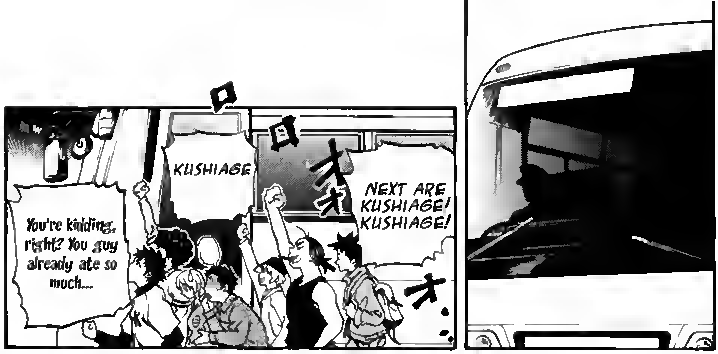
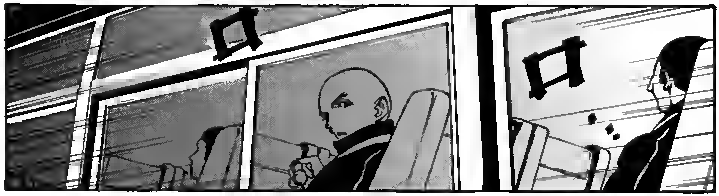



KUSHIAGE
You're kidding, right? You guy already ate so much...
NEXT ARE KUSHIAGE! KUSHIAGE!



They aren't human, Sensei!
KUSHIAGE!

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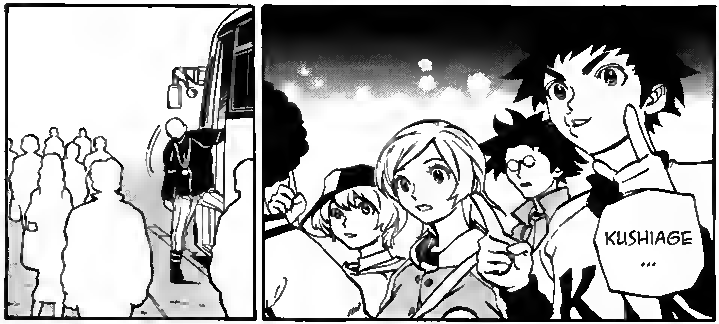
KUSHIAGE ...

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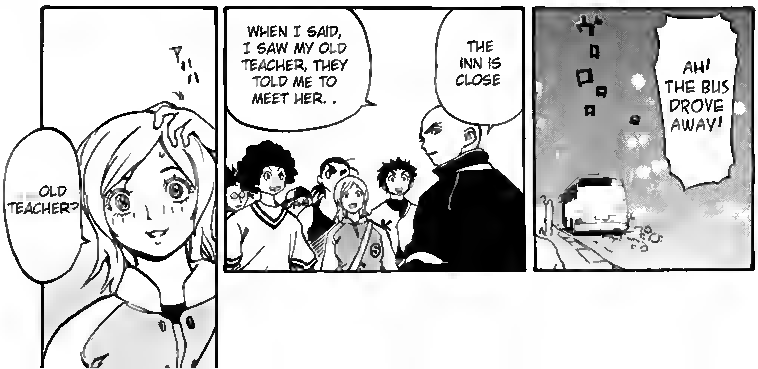
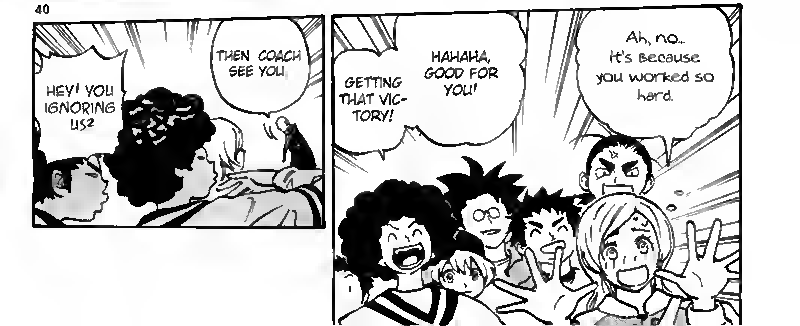
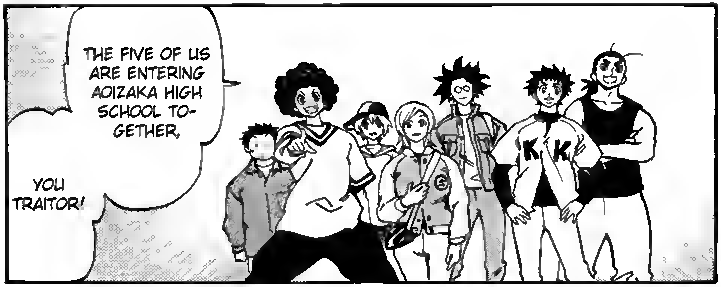
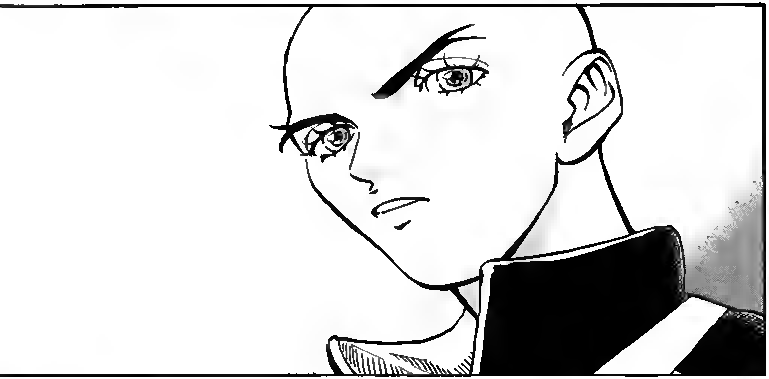
Kou-chin!
Ahh!


AH! THE BUS DROVE AWAY!
THE INN IS CLOSE
WHEN I SAID, I SAW MY OLD TEACHER, THEY TOLD ME TO MEET HER. .
OLD TEACHER?

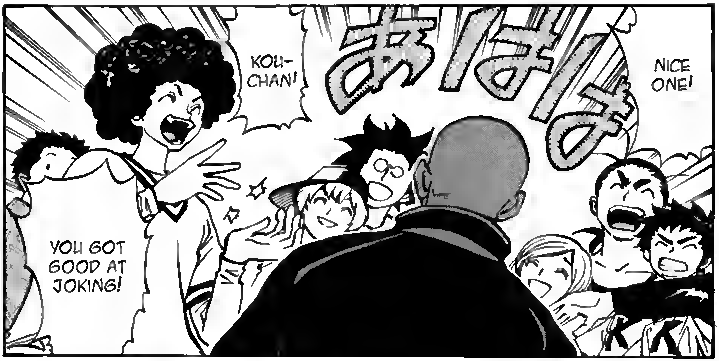
Congratulations on the victory!
I WAS ABLE TO GRASP VICTORY, COACH!
THAT WAS YOUR FIRST TIME, RIGHT?
HITTING A DECISIVE HOME RUN
THE ME WHO WON TODAY ONLY EXISTS BECAUSE OF YOUR GUIDANCE, COACH.


HEY! YOU IGNORING US?
THEN COACH SEE YOU.
GETTING THAT VICTORY!
HAHAHA, GOOD FOR YOU!
Ah, no... it's because you worked so hard.


THE FIVE OF US ARE ENTERING AOIZAKA HIGH SCHOOL TO-GETHER,
YOU TRAITOR!



AOI
THAT'S
NOT TRUE
IF YOU WERE THE SAME AGE AS US, YOU WOULD HAVE COME TO AOIZAKA, TOO, RIGHT?


KOU-CHAN!
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NICE ONE!
YOU GOT GOOD AT JOKING!

I'M NOT JOKING HERE.
AHAHA!
WE UNDER-STAND IT, TRAITOR!
EVEN IF
I BECAME A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT THIS YEAR, I WOULD STILL CHOOSE TOHO ACADEMY.
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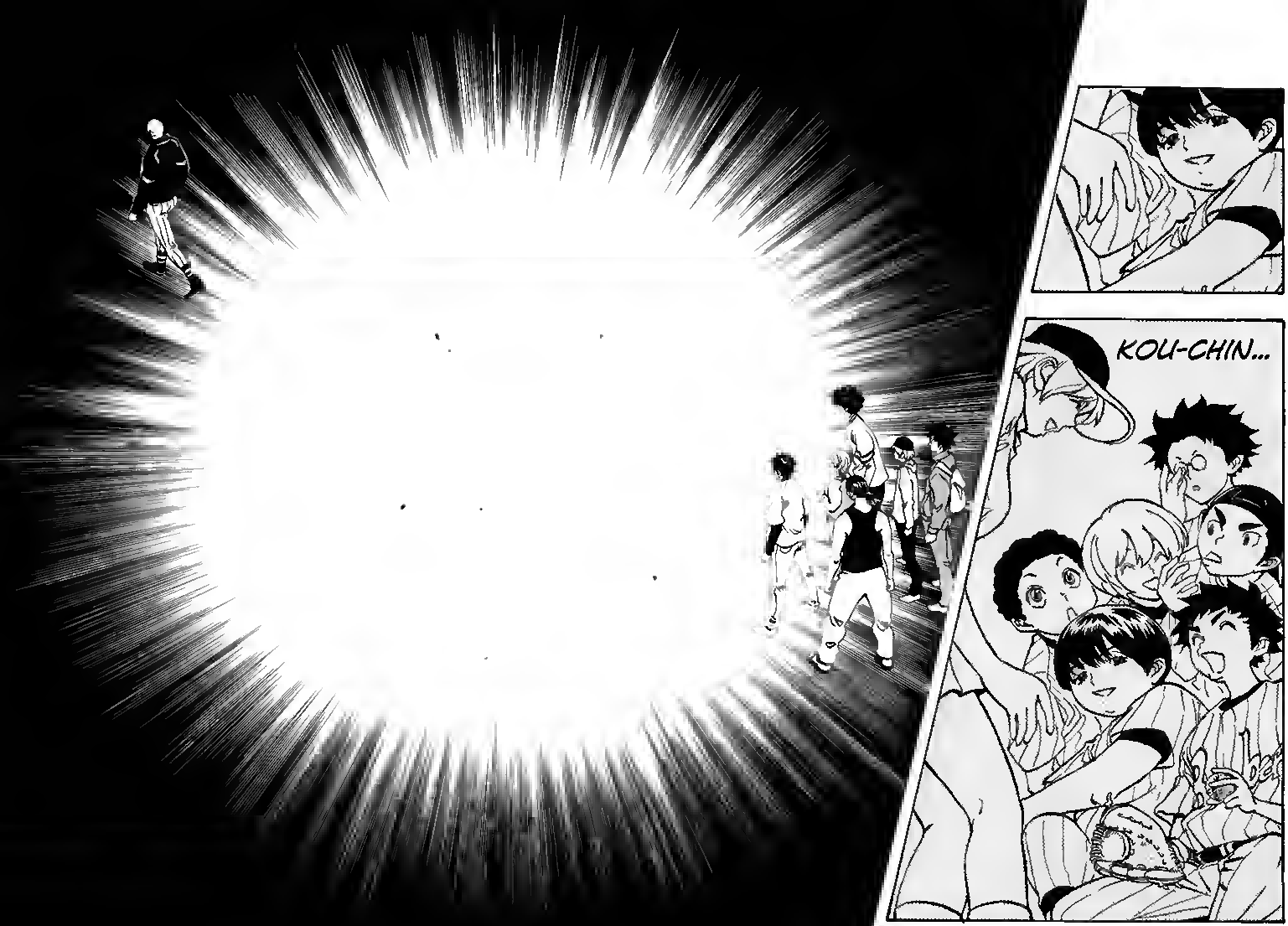
I AM NOT AIMING FOR THE KOUSHIEN FOR COACH'S SAKE.
I AM DIFFERENT FROM YOU.
I DON'T REMEMBER EVER SAYING I WOULD.

EH?

I JUST LEARNED ONE THING "THAT SUMMER"...
That playing baseball without winning is pointless!

THAT ISN'T...
THE REASON I'VE TRAINED SINCE THAT DAY IS SO THAT I WOULD BECOME STRONG ENOUGH TO PLAY AGAINST WHATEVER POWERFUL OPPONENT.
COACH ...
I THINK THAT I AM HERE NOW ...
BECAUSE OF WHAT THE TEARS YOU SHED "THAT SUMMER" TAUGHT ME.
BUT TO THINK, NOBODY AMONG YOU CHOSE TOUOU...
YOU CONTINUE TO CHASE A CHILD'S DREAM ...
KOU-CHIN ...

ONCE AGAIN SHED THOSE TEARS.
YOU WILL...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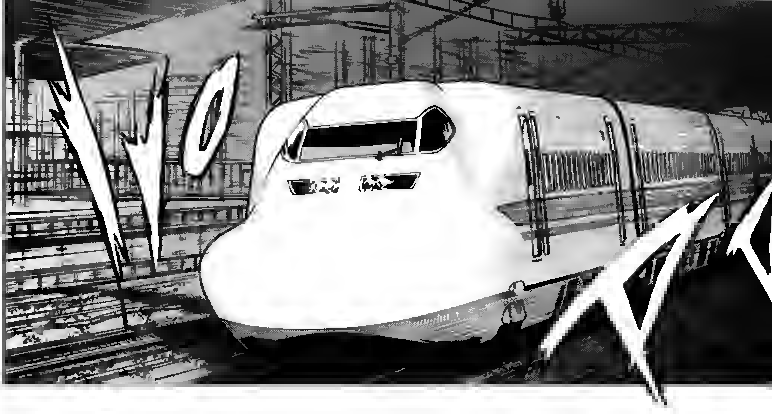
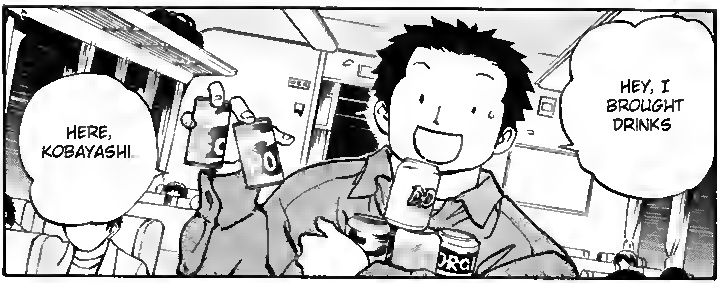
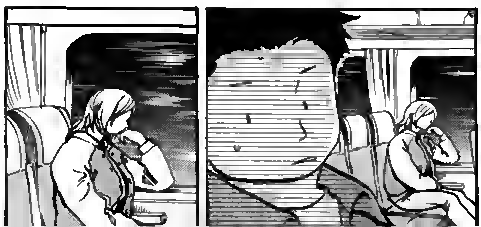


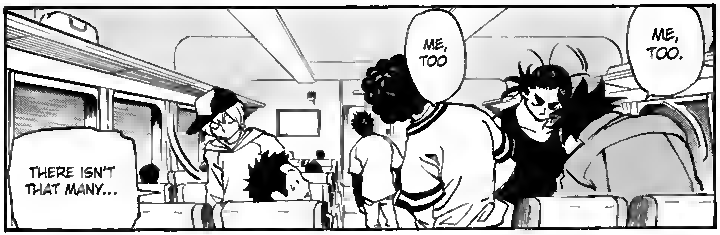

HERE, KOBAYASHI.
HEY, I BROUGHT DRINKS

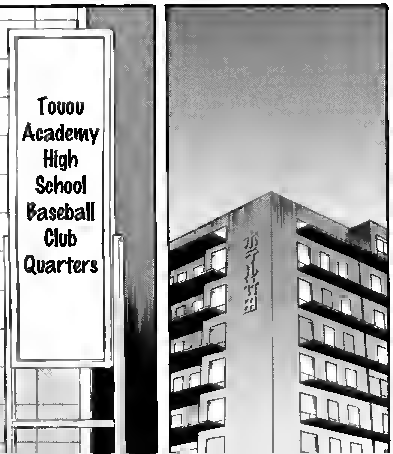
Haha
Thanks!
...thats a can with a tab

Ah!
Ah!



I'M GOING TO THE TOILET.


ME, TOO
ME, TOO.
THERE ISN'T THAT MANY...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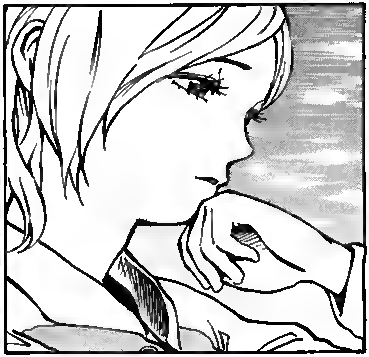
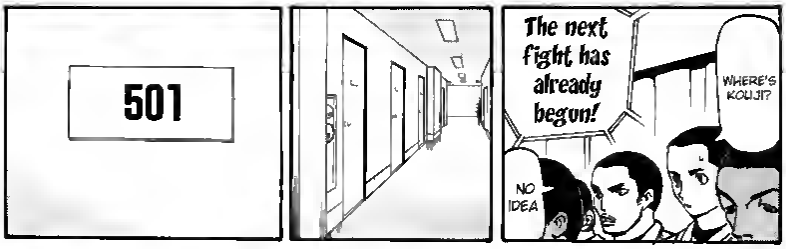


Now is the time to forge the golden age of Touou Academy!
We are aiming for conquering both, spring and summer!
Congrats on your first Koushien victory
Don't get laid-back.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The next fight has already begun!
WHERE'S KOUJI?
NO IDEA

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THE LOSER WILL CRY.
THE WINNER WILL LAUGH.

I WILL...
LAUGH.
pant
pant

THEY'RE TAKING SO LONG, WHAT ARE THEY DOING?

I'M SORRY, I WANT TO GET THROUGH...
THAT ISN'T KOU-CHIN!!

KOMA KOUJI!!
IT'S TOUOU ACADEMY'S NUMBER 4,

108!!
DAYS LEFT TILL THE LEGEND STARTS...

... HOPING THAT WHOEVER IS THE QUALITY CHECKER IS WON'T DELETE THIS, I'M GONNA TAKE THIS PAGE AS MY OWN AND RANT. FIRST OFF, I THINK THE MAIN REASON I'M EVEN WORKING ON THIS PROJECT IS BECAUSE I, MYSELF, PLAY BASEBALL AND CAN CORRECT ANY STUPID THING I SEE. I SAW A COUPLE OF THINGS THIS CHAPTER. IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL, BUT AS A FAN AND PLAYER OF BASEBALL, YOU CAN'T HELP BUT LAUGH. SO, I DID DELAY THIS CHAPTER 2-3 DAYS BECAUSE OF "REAL LIFE" ISSUES. IT'S NOT THAT THEY WERE BAD, BUT THEY DID PULL ME AWAY FROM A COMPUTER AND NEEDED MY ATTENTION FOR THE ENTIRE TIME. I'M PRETTY BORED NOW AND WILL BE ENDING THIS BY SAYING:

COME TO IMANGASCANS!
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-RECKLESS

SAIKYOU! TORITSU AOIZAKA KOUKOU YAKYUUBU

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CHAPTER 03:
FAREWELL
I
BASEBALL

KYAAA!!
JUNE
DAD, YOU DIDN'T WAKE ME UP!
OF COURSE, NOT. YOU'RE A TEACHER.
GEEZ!
IF I, AS THE COACH COME TOO LATE, IT SETS A BAD EXAMPLE!
SO EARLY IN THE MORNING
YOU SURE ARE NOISY.
WELL, THAT SUZUO IS ENERGETIC AGAIN
IT'S THANKS TO THESE KIDS.

PRACTICE MATCH
AOIZAKA (TOKYO) VS. SEIWA (SAITAMA)
NICE PITCH!
STRIKE!

THE BALL SUDDENLY SLITHERED TOWARDS MY FACE LIKE A SNAKE
THE STRIKE ZONE?
THAT WAS IN
THE REALLY RARE LEFT HANDED SUBMARINE PITCH IS PERFECTLY HEADED TOWARDS MY MASK
KITAROU, THE NEXT ONE ALSO IN THE RIGHT UPPER CORNER
DON'T MISS IT

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OKAY, MASAHARU!

GWAR!
RF, FOR-WARD!

WHAT?
SB IS !?
OUT!
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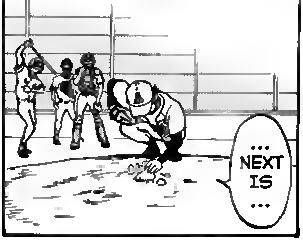
COME! COME TO ME!
HEY, HEY, LET THEM HIT IT!
NICE CATCH, UKYOU!
THE DIVINE GLOVE STRIKES!
OK, 2 OUTS!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NEXT
IS
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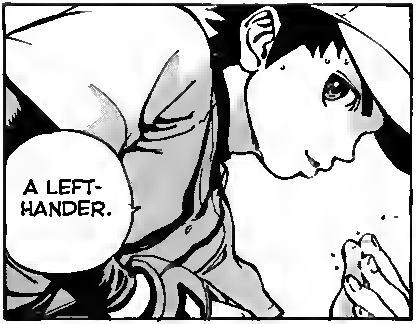
A LEFT-
HANDER.

OK,
THROW!

...KOU-CHIN.

WHAT A FEARSOME GENUINE SUBMARINE PITCHER.
AND TO TOP IT OFF, LEFT-HANDED ...
A STRANGE BALL TRAJECTORY THAT SUDDENLY EMERGES FROM YOUR BLIND SPOT.
THE LEFT HANDED BATTER WAS COMPLETELY SURPRISED.
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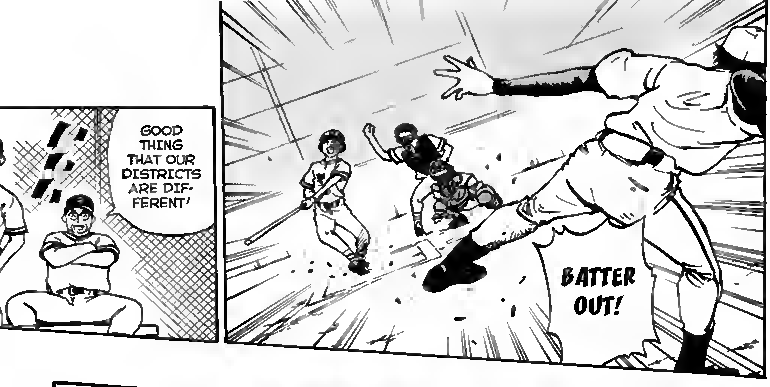
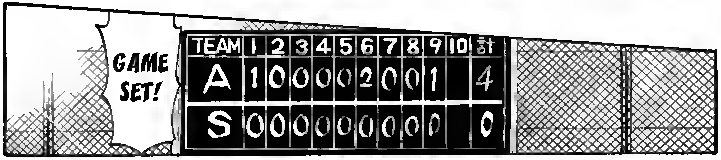
YOU'RE RIGHT ...
COACH... THE RIGHT HANDED BATTERS ARE ALSO NOT HITTING.


GOOD THING THAT OUR DISTRICTS ARE DIFFERENT!
BATTER OUT!


GAME SET!
TEAM 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ST
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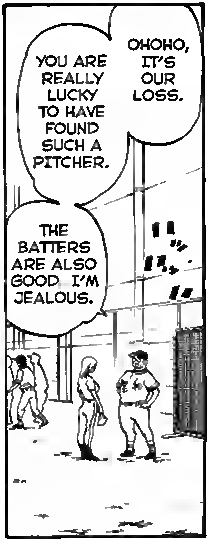
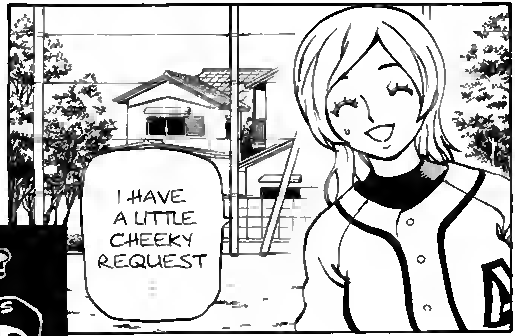
AH ...
IT SEEMS LIKE YOU WILL LIVEN UP EAST TOKYO THIS YEAR.


OHOHO, IT'S OUR LOSS.
YOU ARE REALLY LUCKY TO HAVE FOUND SUCH A PITCHER.
THE BATTERS ARE ALSO GOOD. I'M JEALOUS.


I HAVE A LITTLE CHEEKY REQUEST

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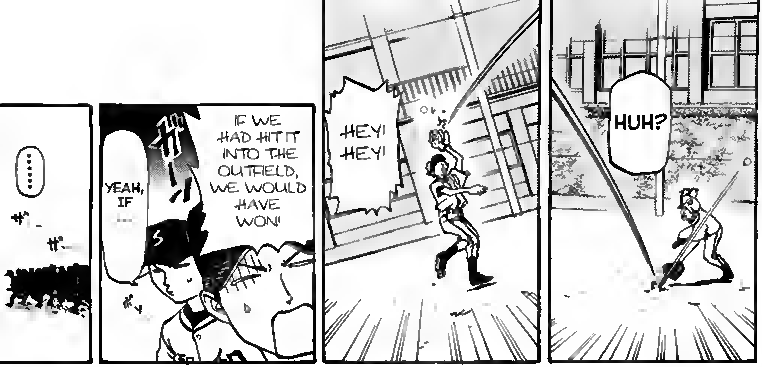
HEY! EVERYONE, 50 ROUNDS AROUND THE GROUND!!
I'M REALLY SORRY THAT MY PLAYERS COULDN'T HIT THE BALL INTO THE OUTFIELD.
WAHAHA
SO IF YOU COULD PER-HAPS ...
WE DON'T HAVE A BASEBALL GROUND AT OUR SCHOOL, AND WE CAN'T TRAIN OUTFIELD PLAYS...
HERE I GO!
AND AN-OTHER!
BUT NOT HAVING THEIR OWN GROUND, PUBLIC SCHOOLS SURE HAVE IT HARD.
THAT FEMALE COACH CAN REALLY HIT WELL


HUH?
HEY! HEY!
IF WE HAD HIT IT INTO THE OUTFIELD, WE WOULD HAVE WON!
YEAH, IF...
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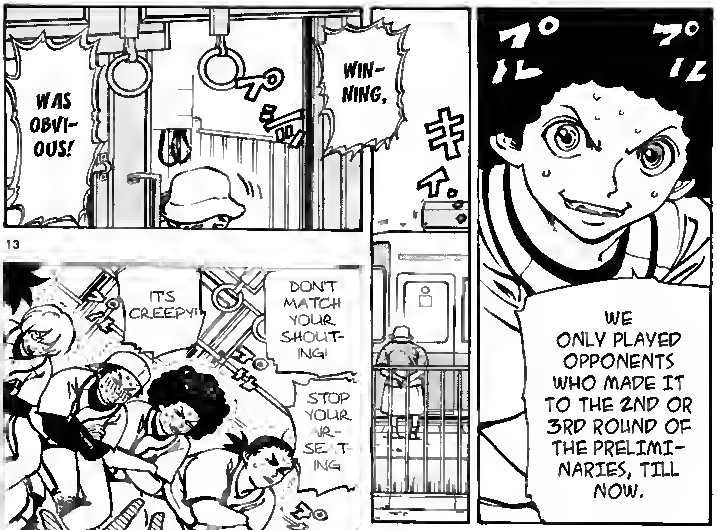
NOW WE HAVE 5 WINS IN A ROW!!

AOIZAKA HIGH SCHOOL'S WINNING RECORDS RENEWED!
TO BE HONEST, I'M SCARED. TILL LAST YEAR, WE COULDN'T EVEN MAKE IT THROUGH THE FIRST ROUND.
AND WE STILL HAVE NO HITS AGAINST US!!

IT'S TROUBLING FOR US, IF YOU ARE ALREADY SATISFIED, SENPAIS.


WAS OBVI-OUS!
WIN-NING,
WE ONLY PLAYED OPPONENTS WHO MADE IT TO THE 2ND OR 3RD ROUND OF THE PRELIMI-NARIES, TILL NOW.

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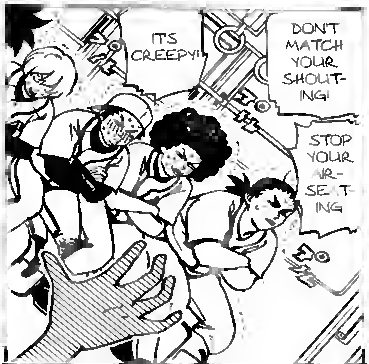
IT'S CREEPY!
DON'T MATCH YOUR SHOUT-ING!
STOP YOUR UR-SE T-ING

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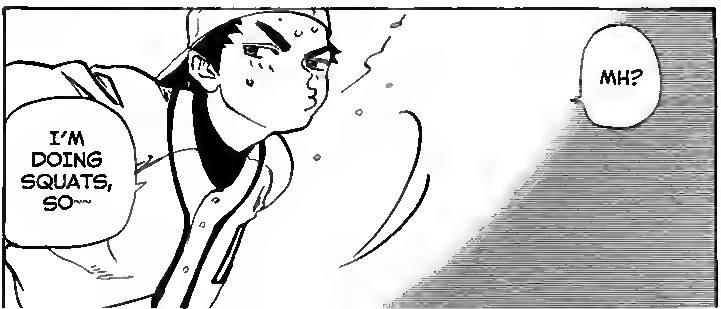
HERE, OLD LADY, SIT DOWN
AH, THANK YOU
AHH, DOING A KIND THING IS SO REFRESHING!
AH GOOD TO SIT DOWN~~
YOU
KITA-R.OU


MH?
I'M DOING SQUATS, SO~~

WWAR! DO YOU THINK A PITCHER WILL MAKE IT WITH SUCH LEGS AND LOINS?
I JUST PITCHED NINE INNINGS...
WIMP! WIMP ----!!

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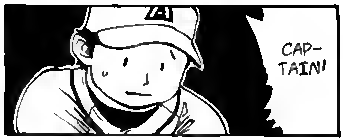
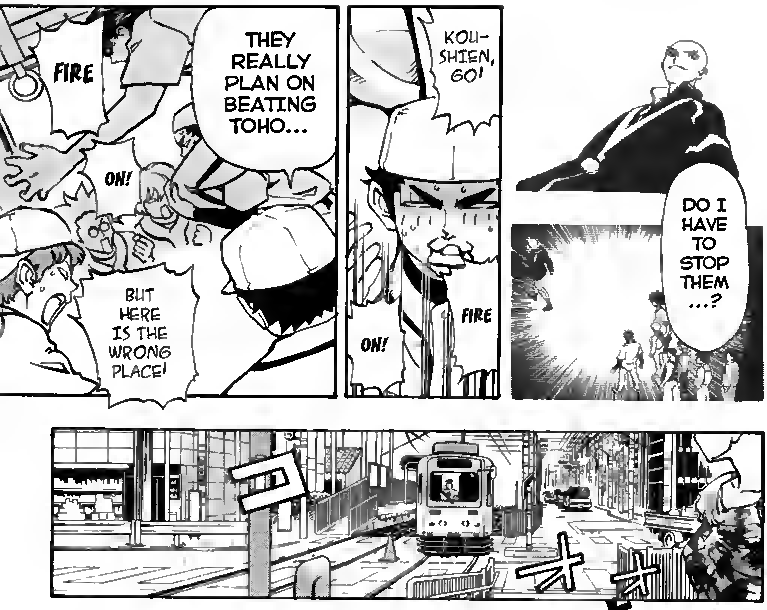
HELP ME STOP THEM!
STOP IT, YOU'RE GOING OVER-BOARD


CAP-TAIN!


FIRE
ON!
THEY REALLY PLAN ON BEATING TOHO...
BUT HERE IS THE WRONG PLACE!
KOU-SHIEN, GO!
FIRE
ON!
DO I HAVE TO STOP THEM ...?

ON!
SUGA-WARA-SENSEI?
FIRE
キィィ
GEEZ! YOU ALL...

FIRE
KOUSHIEN, GO!
ON!
ON!
WHA
FIRE
VICE-PRIN-CIPAL
ON!
FIRE
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TOUYOUGIZAI ATTACHI
OSU!
MORNING!
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KOUSHIEN, GO! FIRE
ON!
ON!
'TAH!
FIRE
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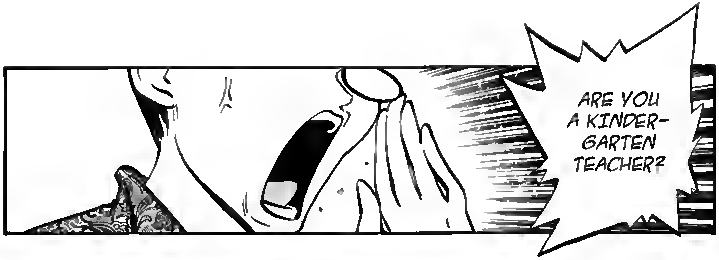
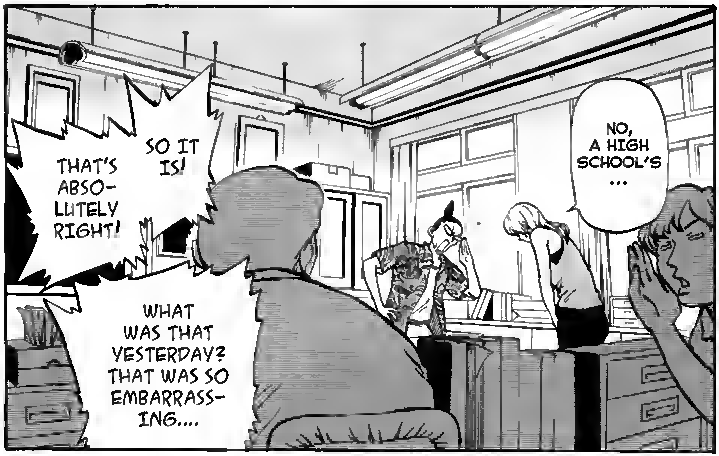
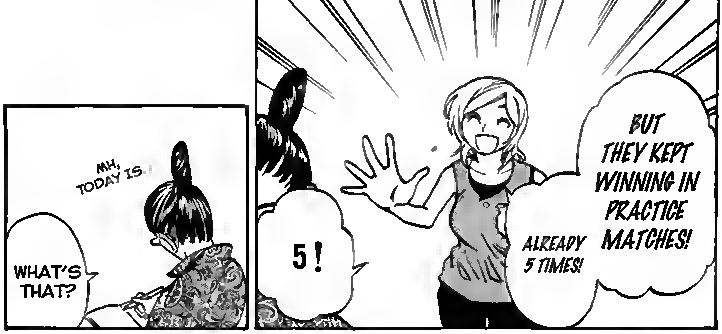
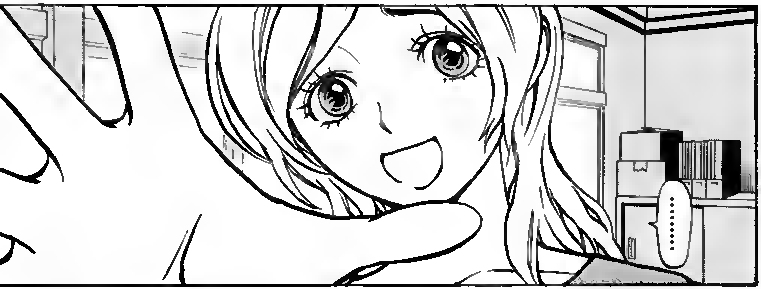

ARE YOU A KINDER-GARTEN TEACHER?


NO, A HIGH SCHOOL'S ...
SO IT IS!
THAT'S ABSO-LUTELY RIGHT!
WHAT WAS THAT YESTERDAY? THAT WAS SO EMBARRASS-ING....

KOUSHIEN! FIRE
ON!
WAH
WOOO

I'M REALLY SORRY FOR THAT.


MM, TODAY IS...
WHAT'S THAT?
5!
ALREADY 5 TIMES!
BUT THEY KEPT WINNING IN PRACTICE MATCHES!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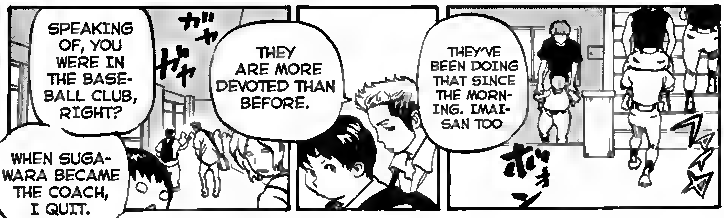
SPEAKING OF, YOU WERE IN THE BASEBALL CLUB, RIGHT?
WHEN SUGAWARA BECAME THE COACH, I QUIT.
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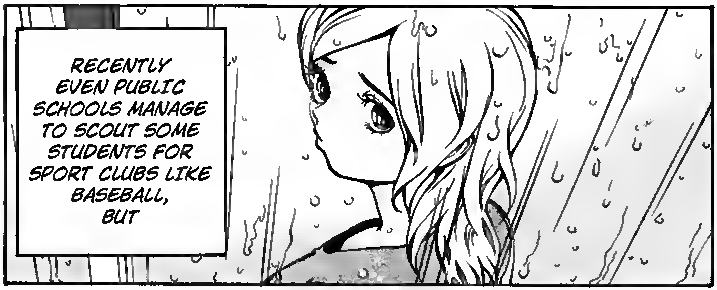
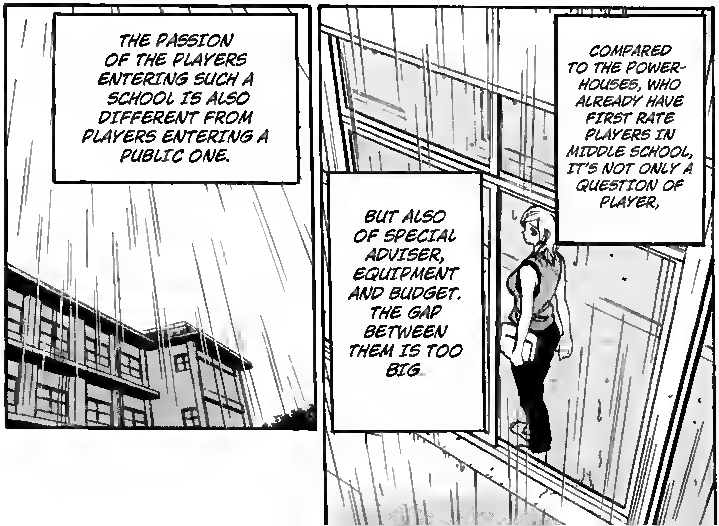
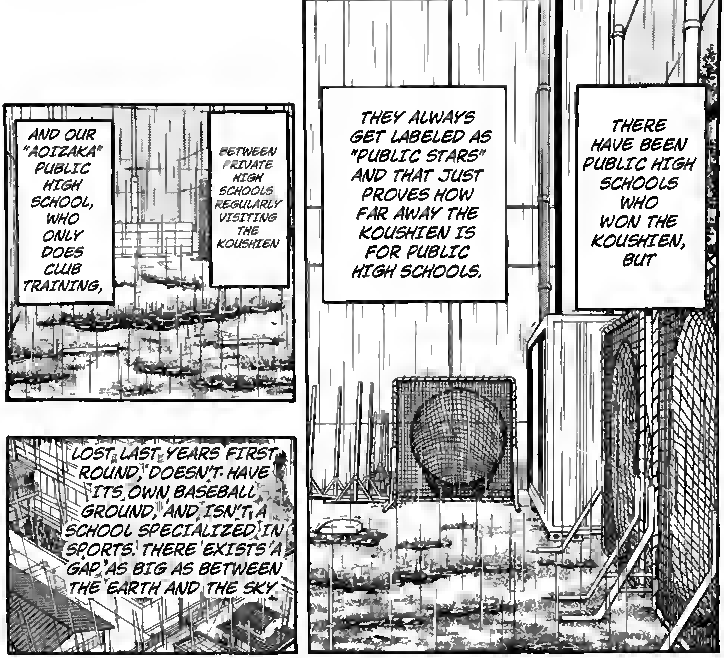
THEY ARE MORE DEVOTED THAN BEFORE.
THEY'VE BEEN DOING THAT SINCE THE MORNING. IMAI-SAN TOO
ボヨン

I MEAN THIS IS A PUBLIC SCHOOL ...
"PANT"
IT'S JUST A MEANINGLESS STRUGGLE ...

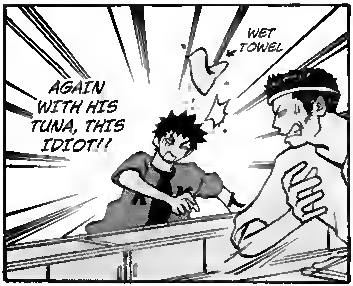
KOU-SHIEN!
FIRE
ON!
SO WHAT'S THE USE IN TRYING SO HARD?


RECENTLY EVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS MANAGE TO SCOUT SOME STUDENTS FOR SPORT CLUBS LIKE BASEBALL, BUT

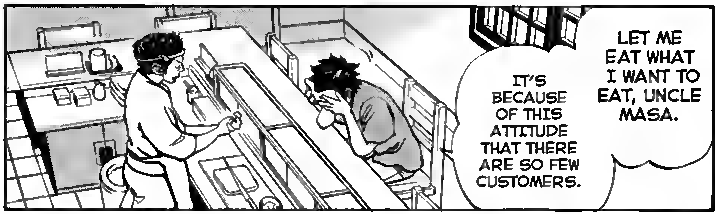

THE PASSION OF THE PLAYERS ENTERING SUCH A SCHOOL IS ALSO DIFFERENT FROM PLAYERS ENTERING A PUBLIC ONE.
COMPARED TO THE POWER-HOUSES, WHO ALREADY HAVE FIRST RATE PLAYERS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, IT'S NOT ONLY A QUESTION OF PLAYER,
BUT ALSO OF SPECIAL ADVISER, EQUIPMENT AND BUDGET. THE GAP BETWEEN THEM IS TOO BIG.


AND OUR "AOIZAKA" PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL, WHO ONLY DOES CLUB TRAINING,
BETWEEN PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOLS REGULARLY VISITING THE KOUSHIEN
THEY ALWAYS GET LABELED AS "PUBLIC STARS" AND THAT JUST PROVES HOW FAR AWAY THE KOUSHIEN IS FOR PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS.
THERE HAVE BEEN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS WHO WON THE KOUSHIEN, BUT
LOST, LAST YEARS FIRST ROUND, "DOESN'T HAVE ITS OWN BASEBALL GROUND, AND ISN'T A SCHOOL SPECIALIZED IN SPORTS. THERE EXISTS A GAP AS BIG AS BETWEEN THE EARTH AND THE SKY.

KITAROU AND THE OTHERS, SHOUTING "WE ARE AIMING FOR THE KOUSHIEN", ARE SEEN BY TEACHERS AND THE OTHER STUDENTS AS JUST IDIOTS, CHASING NOTHING BUT A DREAM.


WET TOWEL
AGAIN WITH HIS TUNA, THIS IDIOT!!

BUT FIRST SOME TUNA!


LET ME EAT WHAT I WANT TO EAT, UNCLE MASA.
IT'S BECAUSE OF THIS ATTITUDE THAT THERE ARE SO FEW CUSTOMERS.

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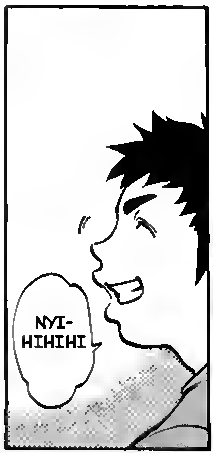
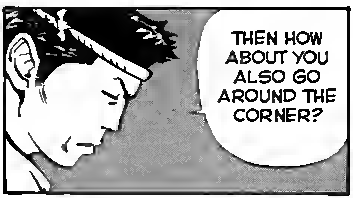
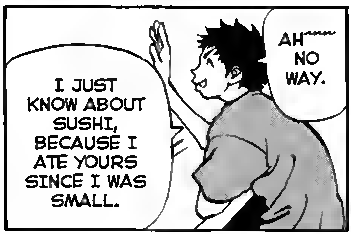

NYI-HIHIHI

DON'T SPEAK LIKE YOU KNOW, YOU JUST WANT TO EAT TUNA.

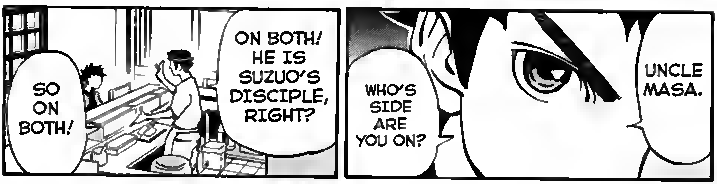

THEN HOW ABOUT YOU ALSO GO AROUND THE CORNER?


I JUST KNOW ABOUT SUSHI, BECAUSE I ATE YOURS SINCE I WAS SMALL.
AH~~~~ NO WAY.

AH~~!
HE! HE IS!
AH...
WAH!!
...SO,
寿司
HOW ARE YOU DOING, KITAROU?

OHO, ALREADY A POSER.
A HIGH SCHOOLER CAN'T HIT MY PITCHES.
I'M IN TOP FORM ~~!!
WE GOT 5 WINS WITHOUT A HIT AGAINST US.
BUT THERE IS ALWAYS SOMEONE ON TOP.
LIKE THAT KOU-CHAN.

NOTE: NUMBER 4 IS THE CLEANUP HITTER, A REALLY GREAT PLAYER.
THAT ONCE FATTY KOU-CHAN,
IS NOW THE NUMBER 4 OF THE FAMOUS TOHO ACADEMY.
HE HIT THE ALL DECIDING BASE-LOADED HOMERUN AND IS NOW A HERO ALL OVER JAPAN.
YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN OR HOW MEN WILL DEVELOP.


UNCLE MASA.
WHO'S SIDE ARE YOU ON?
ON BOTH! HE IS SUZUO'S DISCIPLE, RIGHT?
SO ON BOTH!

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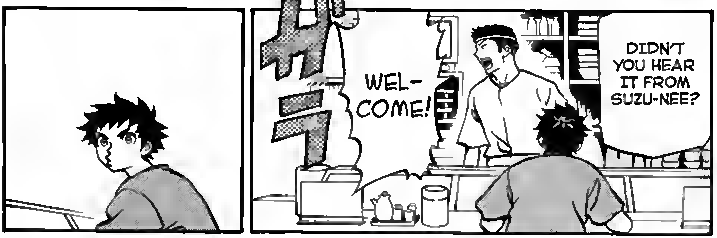
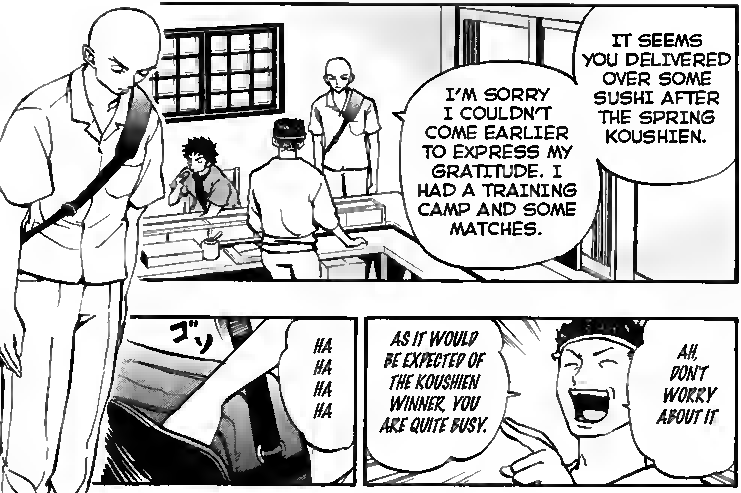

DIDN'T YOU HEAR IT FROM SUZU-NEE?
WEL-COME!

GOOD EVE-NING.

OH! KOU-CHAN!
IF IT ISN'T KOU-CHAN!
WE WERE JUST SPEAKING OF YOU!


IT SEEMS YOU DELIVERED OVER SOME SUSHI AFTER THE SPRING KOUSHIEN.
I'M SORRY I COULDN'T COME EARLIER TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE. I HAD A TRAINING CAMP AND SOME MATCHES.
AH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT
AS IT WOULD BE EXPECTED OF THE KOUSHIEN WINNER, YOU ARE QUITE BUSY.
HA HA HA HA
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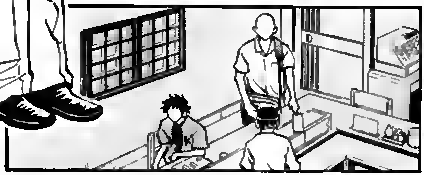

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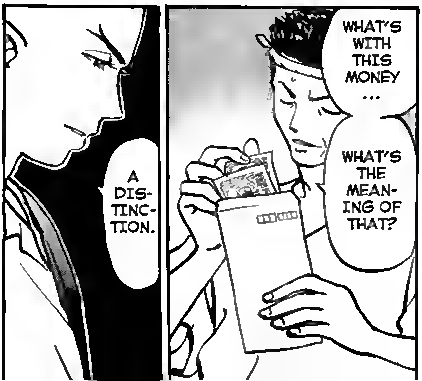
WHAT'S WITH THIS MONEY ...
WHAT'S THE MEAN-ING OF THAT?
A DIS-TINC-TION.

WHAT KIND OF JOKE IS THAT? THAT SUSHI WAS A GIFT FROM ME!
TO CELEBRATE YOUR VICTORY. THOSE ARE MY FEELINGS, SO NO WAY I WOULD TAKE THAT MONEY.
THAT IS TROU-BLING FOR ME.

ISN'T JUST WASABI ENOUGH FOR
A TRAI-TOR LIKE HIM?
IF HE IS EATING FOR FREE.

DON'T SAY THAT, KITAROU.
IF HE HAD JUST BEEN BORN A MONTH LATER, I'M SURE HE WOULD...

GRR~~~ CHILDHOOD FRIENDS NOT EVEN LOOKING INTO EACH OTHERS EYES.
WHAT HAP-PENED TO YOU?

THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE.

HE TREATED SUZU-NEE AS A HALF-ASSED TEACHER.

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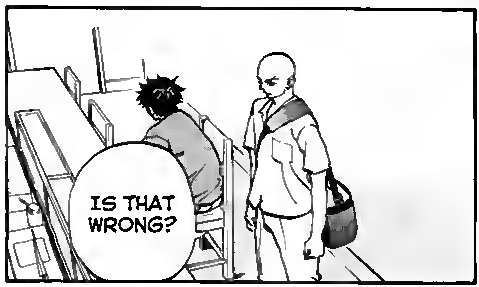
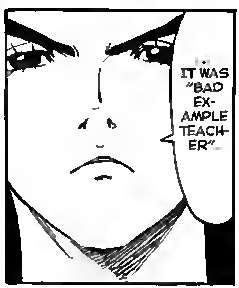
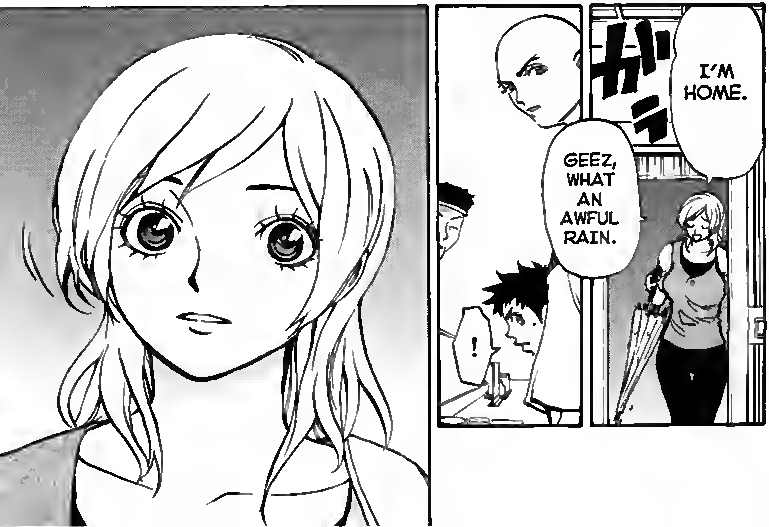

IS THAT WRONG?


IT WAS "BAD EX-AMPLE TEACH-ER".

WE WERE SEEING THE SAME THING, BUT FEELING DIFFERENT ABOUT IT.
THAT'S ALL.

THINK WHAT YOU WANT
YOU DON'T HAVE TO PUT IT INTO WORDS.
I'M ALSO EXTREMELY SURPRISED.
TO THINK THAT YOU GUYS WERE STILL PLANNING TO TAKE HER TO THE KOUSHIEN.


I'M HOME.
GEEZ, WHAT AN AWFUL RAIN.
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THE DRAWING FOR THE SUMMER TOURNAMENT IS NEAR, RIGHT?
DO YOU THINK WE WILL FACE YOU?
WELCOME.
KYAA. YOU CAME HERE, KOU-CHIN?

WE ARE SEEDED,
SO IF YOU DON'T WIN AT LEAST ONE GAME, WE WON'T MEET.

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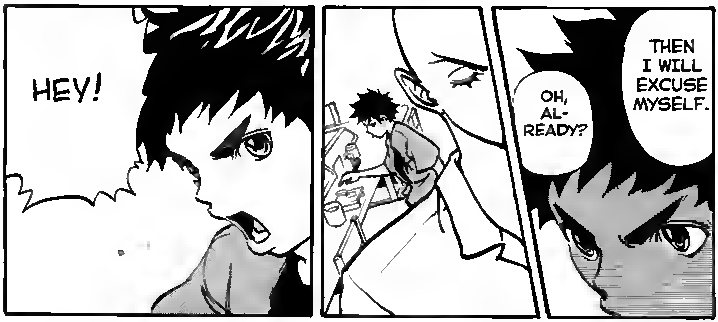
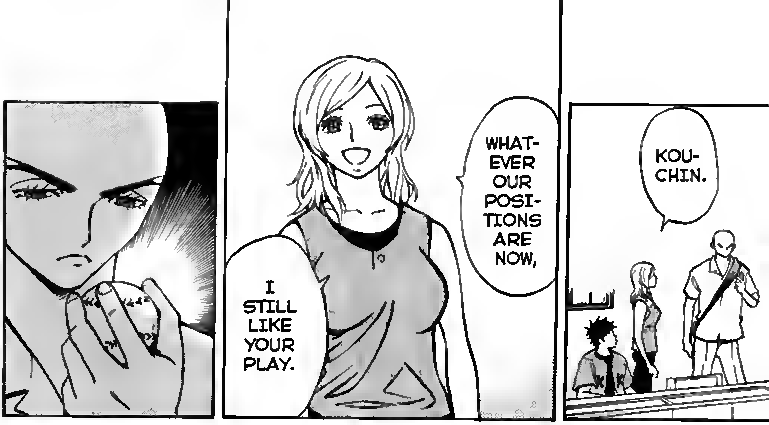

HEY!
OH, AL-READY?
THEN I WILL EXCUSE MYSELF.

KOU-
CHIN,
YOU
BETTER
NOT
LOSE.


KOU-CHIN.
WHAT-EVER OUR POSITIONS ARE NOW,
I STILL LIKE YOUR PLAY.

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"CLACK"
OH, RIGHT
"SHUK FIL"

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IT'S NO LONGER NEEDED.
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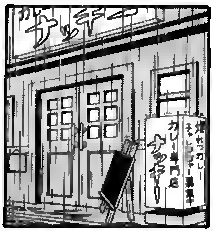
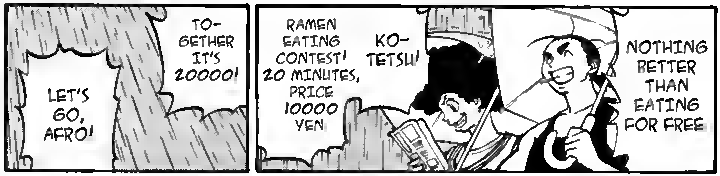
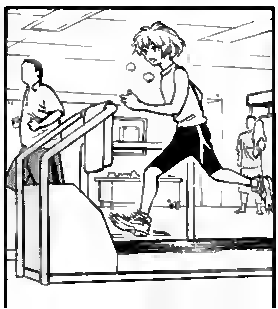
...IS THAT A GOOD LUCK CHARM?
.... YEAH.

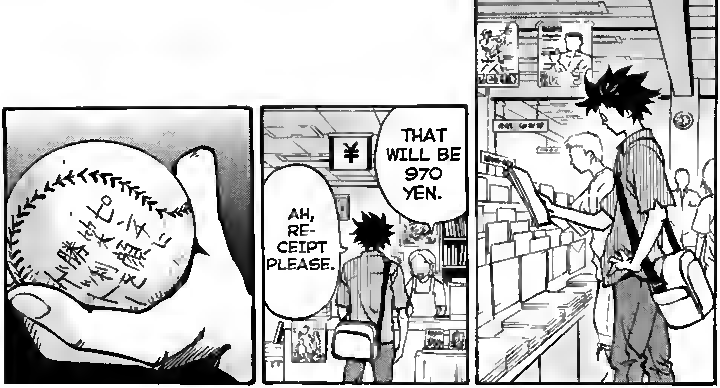
FARE-WELL... HUH.
SMILING IN A PINCH GETS YOU THE VICTORY!
SMILING IN A PINCH GETS YOU THE VICTORY!

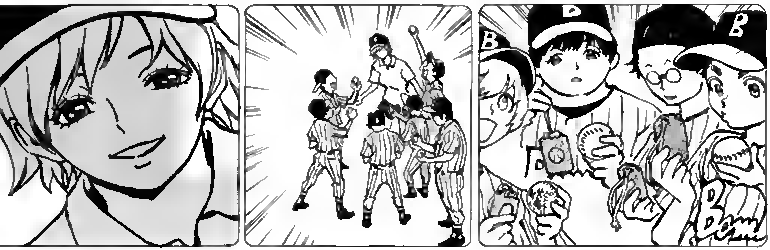
NEW RECORD: 15006 IN 51 MINUTES (BOTH)
CONGRATU-LATIONS ON FINISHING IT ALL!

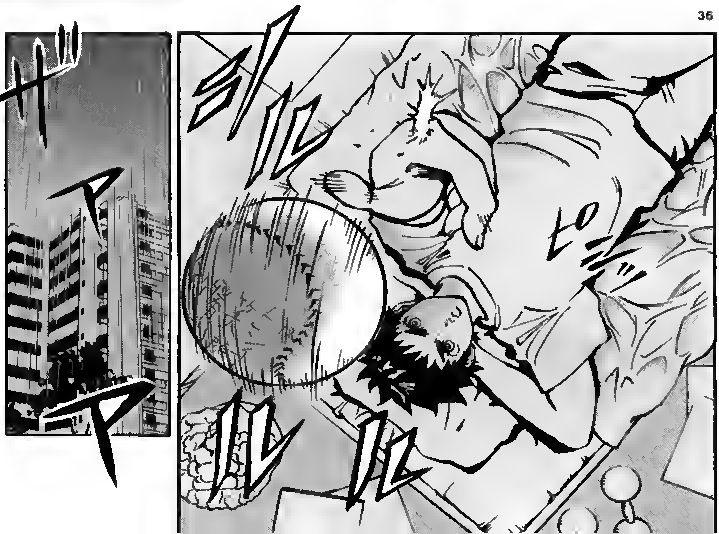



LET'S GO, AFRO!
TO-GETHER IT'S 20000!
RAMEN EATING CONTEST! 20 MINUTES, PRICE 10000 YEN
KO-TETSU!
NOTHING BETTER THAN EATING FOR FREE




THAT WILL BE 970 YEN.
AH, RE-CEIPT PLEASE.





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地方大会
TOHO!
TOHO!
カラースペシャル
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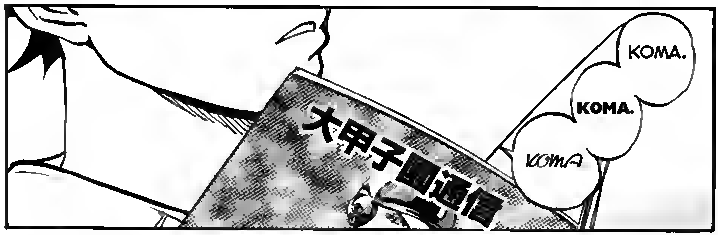
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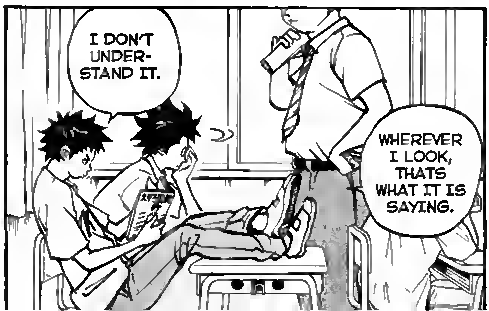
I DON'T UNDER-STAND IT.
WHEREVER I LOOK, THATS WHAT IT IS SAYING.

HEY.
HEY, KI-TAROU!

LUNCH BREAK IS OVER?
.... MH?
OH SHIT YOU HAVE TO TELL ME THAT MA-SAHARU!
BASE-BALL CLUB, HUH...
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OUR SCHOOL ISN'T LIKE THAT.
WON'T YOU STOP WITH YOUR SHOUTING "KOUSHIEN! KOUSHIEN!"?
IT'S MISER-ABLE.
ALSO FROM OUR DISTRICT COME SOME FAMOUS SCHOOLS.
SO IF YOU KEEP ON SHOUTING THAT, YOU WILL JUST LOOK LIKE IDIOTS!

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大甲子圖通信
ME TOO!
WHEN THIS SUMMER IS OVER, I WILL BE ON THE COVER.

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AH, KOU-SHIENS.
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KOU-SHIENS!
HEY, KOUSH-IENS.
KOUSH-IENS, KOUSH-IENS.
WELL ...
IT'S FINE ...
THE RAIN ISN'T STOPPING.
AGAIN TRAINING INSIDE?
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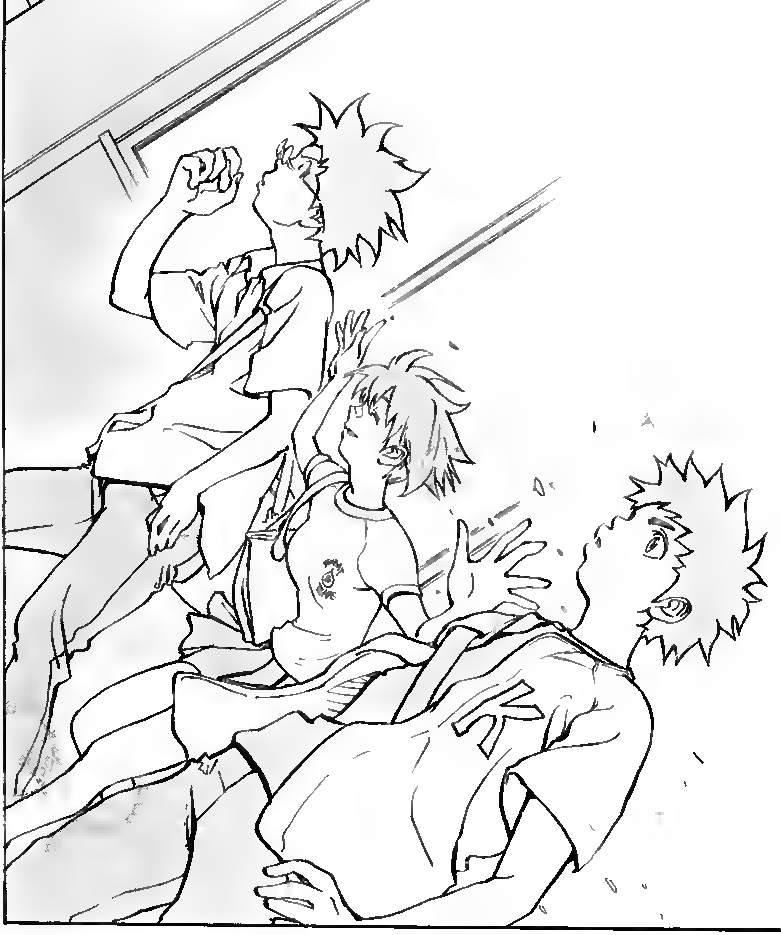

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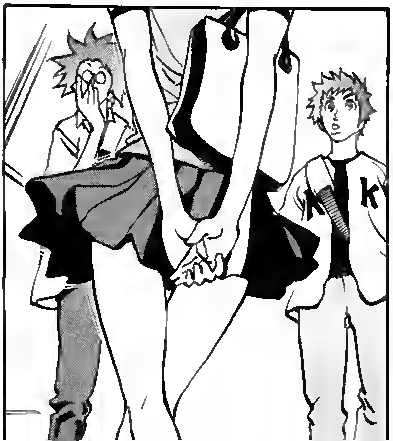
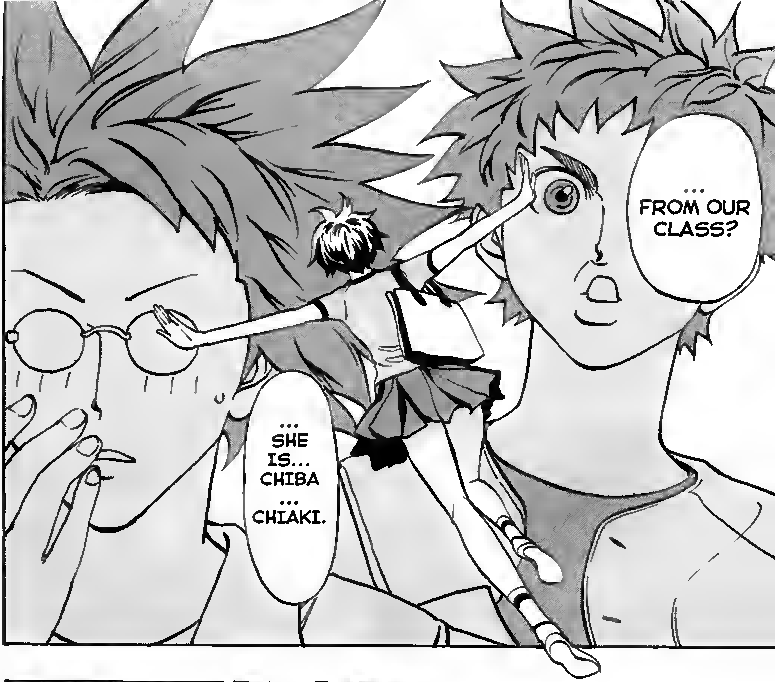
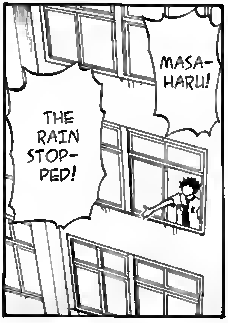


I WILL CHEER YOU ON.
FOR THE KOUSH-IEN!


...
FROM OUR CLASS?
...
SHE IS...
CHIBA
...
CHIAKI.


MASA-HARU!
THE RAIN STOP-PED!

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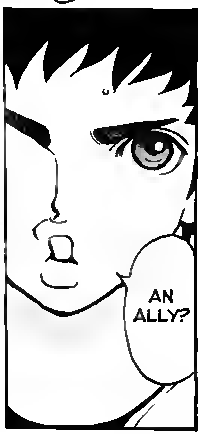
OH!!
FROM MIYA MIDDLE SCHOOL.
HEIGHT: 153CM
WEI-GHT:


AN ALLY?

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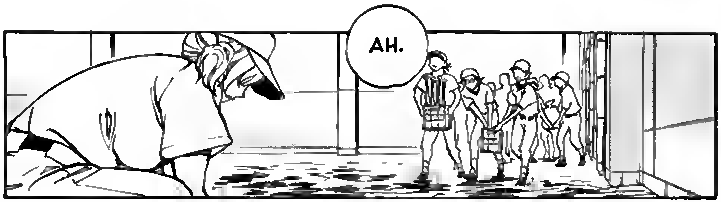
AH.

EVERY-
ONE.
HURRY UP.
HURRY UP!

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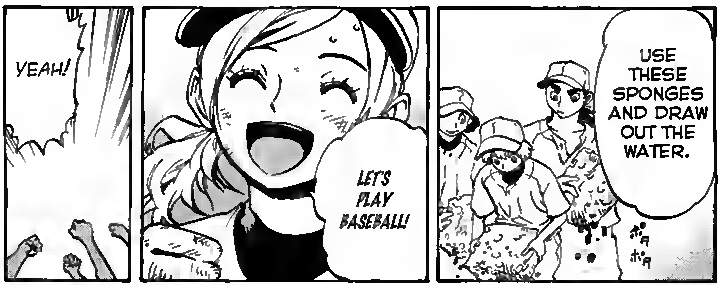
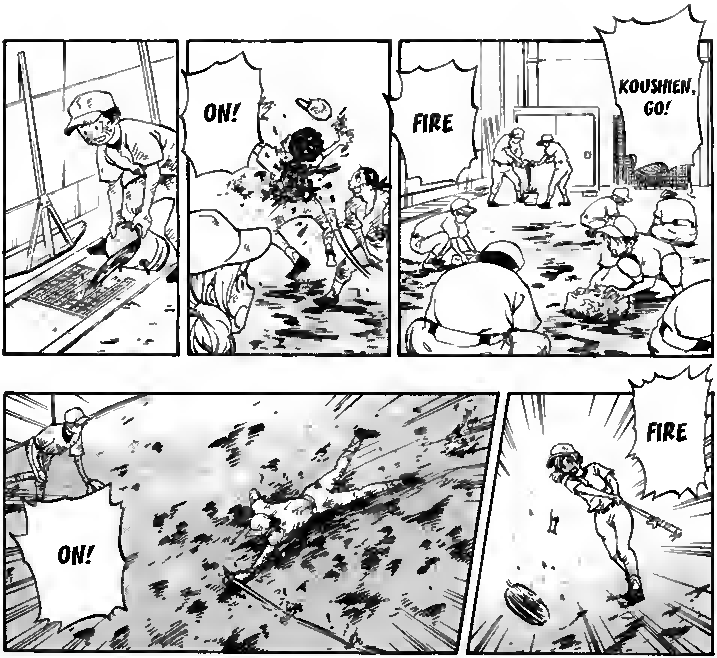

USE THESE SPONGES AND DRAW OUT THE WATER.
LET'S PLAY BASEBALL!
YEAH!


KOUSHIEN, GO!
FIRE
ON!
FIRE
ON!

FIRE
SUMMER IS COMING!
21 DAYS LEFT TILL THE REGIONAL TOURNAMENT!

SAIKYOU! TORITSU AOIZAKA KOUKOU YAKYUUBU

RAW PROVIDER: KAJII

TRANSLATOR: PROZESS

PROOFREADER: ILIKEFOOD

CLEANER: LORDLESTAT & KASEIC

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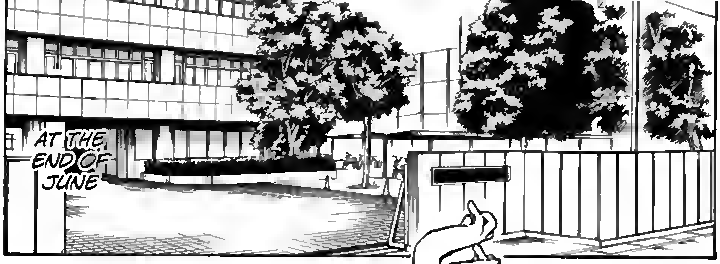
CHAPTER 04:
START OF THE
EAST TOKYO
TOURNAMENT


AT THE END OF JUNE

FOR NUMBER 1... SHINNOSUKE IS FAST BUT...
FOR NUMBER 4 IT HAS TO BE KOTETSU ...
UKYOU IS BETTER IN PICKING THE RIGHT PITCHES.

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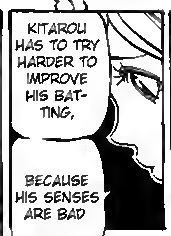
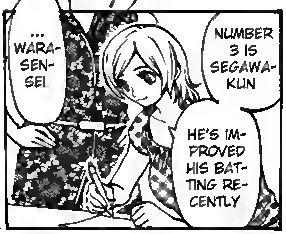
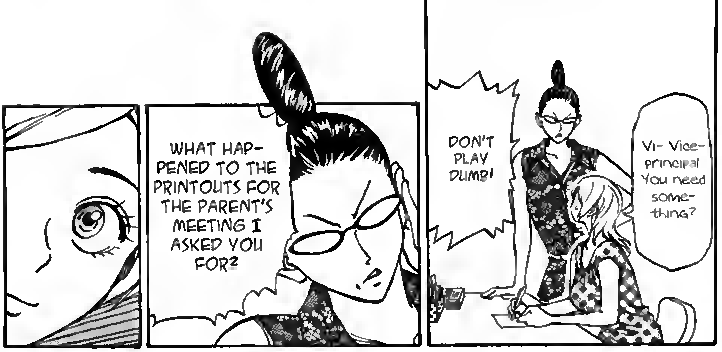
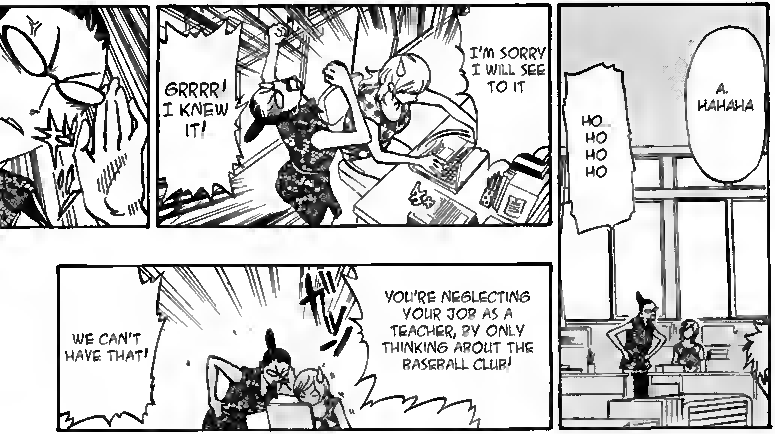
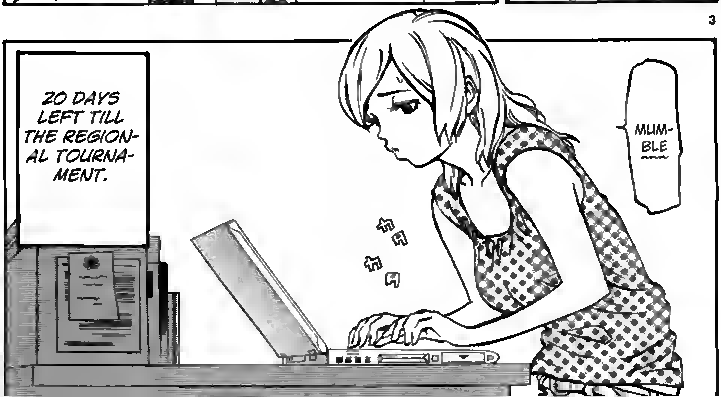
SUGAWARA-SENSEI!


KITAROU HAS TO TRY HARDER TO IMPROVE HIS BATTING,
BECAUSE HIS SENSES ARE BAD

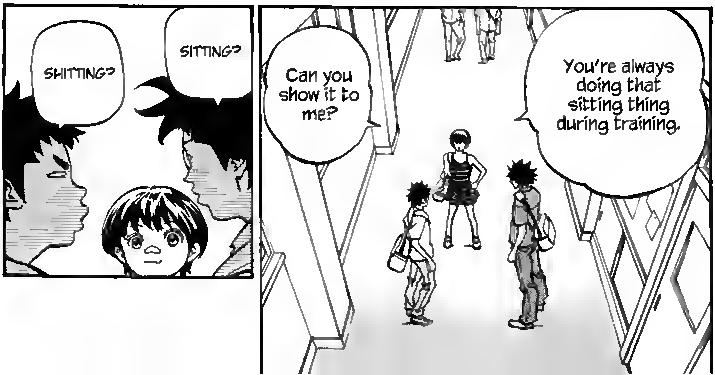

... WARA-SEN-SEI
NUMBER 3 IS SEGAWA-KUN
HE'S IMPROVED HIS BATTING RECENTLY


Vi- Vice-principal You need some-thing?
DON'T PLAY DUMB!
WHAT HAP-PENED TO THE PRINTOUTS FOR THE PARENT'S MEETING I ASKED YOU FOR?


I'M SORRY I WILL SEE TO IT
GRRRR! I KNEW IT!
A. HAHAHA
HO HO HO HO
YOU'RE NEGLECTING YOUR JOB AS A TEACHER, BY ONLY THINKING ABOUT THE BASEBALL CLUB!
WE CAN'T HAVE THAT!


MUM-BLE
ZO DAYS LEFT TILL THE REGION-AL TOURNA-MENT.

Hey, Koushiens ~~~!
BANDY
CHIBA!


SITTING?
SHITTING?
Can you show it to me?
You're always doing that sitting thing during training.

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HUH?
AH, YOU MEAN SHOULDER-RIDING.
PE... PERVERT.
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LIKE I THOUGHT.
LIKE THIS?
LIKE THAT YOU WILL GET A LUMBAGO.
YEAH.

This is the
right way to do the shoulder-riding.
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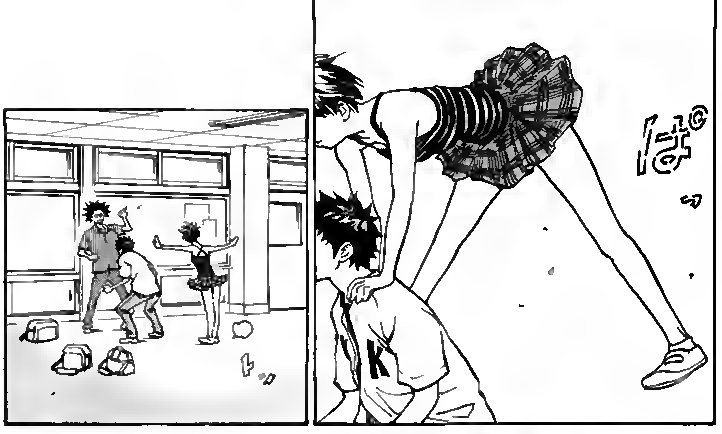
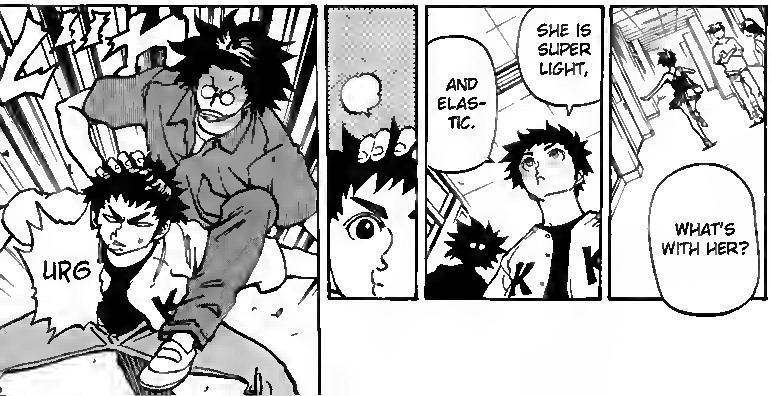

Fight hard, Koushiens!


URG
AND ELAS-TIC.
SHE IS SUPER LIGHT,
WHAT'S WITH HER?

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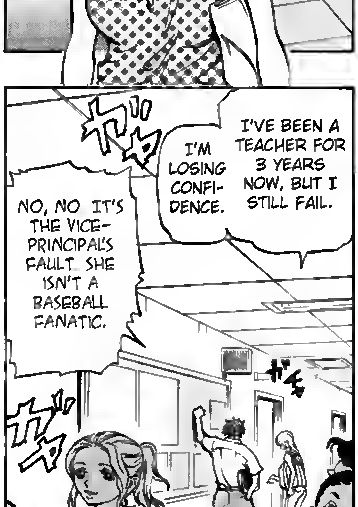
I'VE BEEN A TEACHER FOR 3 YEARS NOW, BUT I STILL FAIL.
I'M LOSING CONFIDENCE.
NO, NO IT'S THE VICE-PRINCIPAL'S FAULT. SHE ISN'T A BASEBALL FANATIC.
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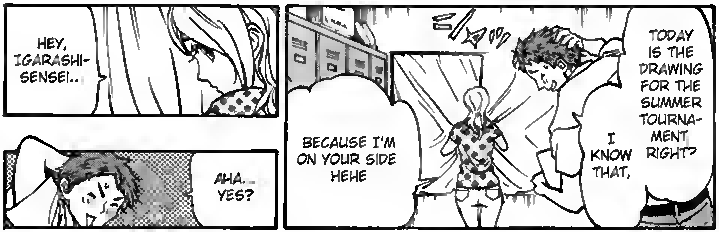
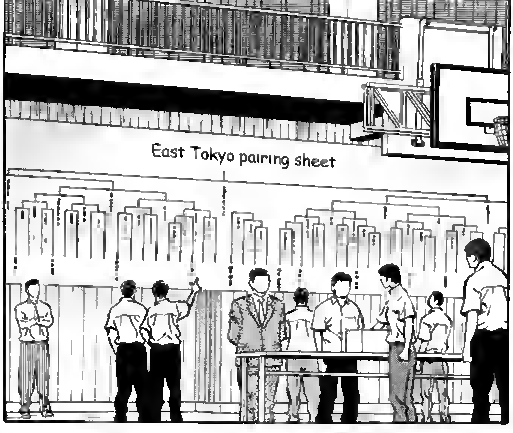
HOGGING ALL THE GOOD PARTS FOR YOURSELF
YOU BAS-TARD!
レッツゴー
The Koushiens
WELL SINCE YOU ASKED, I WILL CARRY YOU
LIKE I WOULD ASK YOU FOR THAT!
レッツゴー

AHH... SOMEHOW SINCE THE NEW TERM SUGAWARA-SENSEI...
I REALLY LIKE SEEING HER LIKE THAT THE BEST
THAT IS A COMPLIMENT FOR ME?
BUT DON'T YOU THINK


HEY, IGARASHI-SENSEI..
AHA... YES?
BECAUSE I'M ON YOUR SIDE HEHE
I KNOW THAT,
TODAY IS THE DRAWING FOR THE SUMMER TOURNA-MENT, RIGHT?

I want to get changed ...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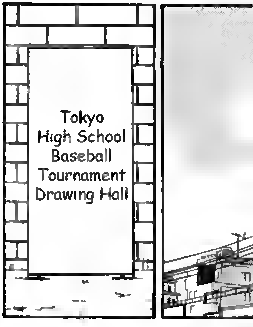
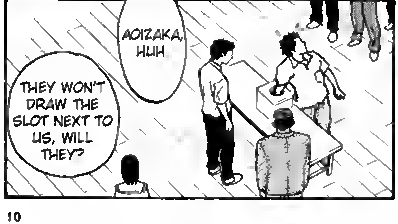

Tokyo
High School
Baseball
Tournament
Drawing Hall

...THEY ALL LOOK STRONG...


AOIZAKA, HUH
THEY WON'T DRAW THE SLOT NEXT TO US, WILL THEY?

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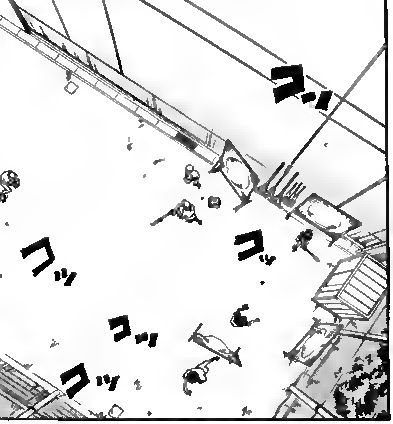
NEXT,
AOIZAKA HIGH SCHOOL
He-Here!

A GOOD DRAW
~LEASE BE A GOOD DRAW
ONE THAT WON'T LET US FACE SOME-ONE STRONG!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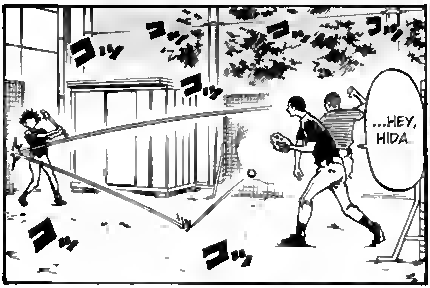
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...HEY, HIDA

I CAN'T STAY CALM...
AH--
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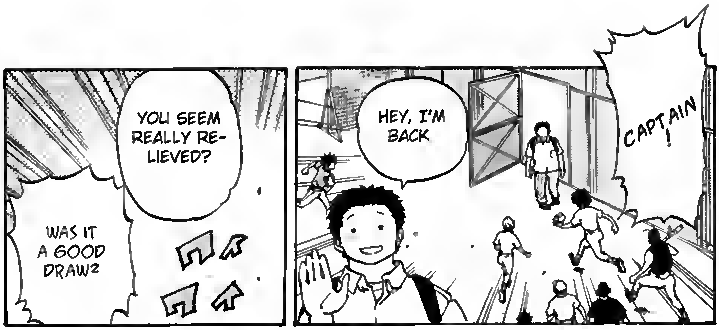
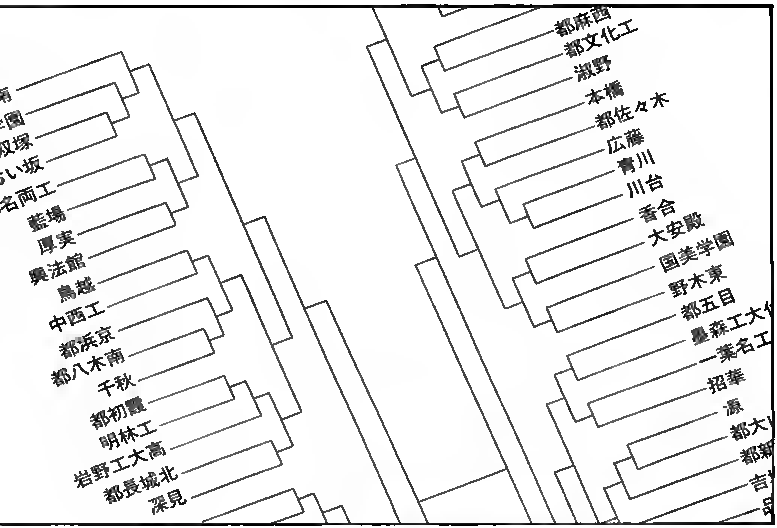
CF HIDA HITSUTO 2ND YEAR

THE CAPTAIN IS STILL NOT BACK...
そわ
そわ
RF DAIBUTSU MASARU 2ND YEAR

BEAR WITH IT, KOTETSU
THIS HALF-ASSED BATTING JUST TO AVOID BOTHERING THE NEIGHBORHOOD
LF SEGAWA KEI 3RD YEAR
WRA

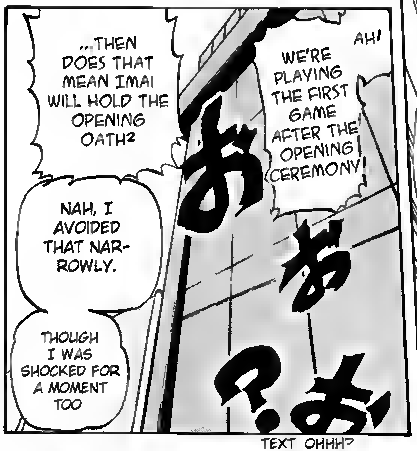
AH,





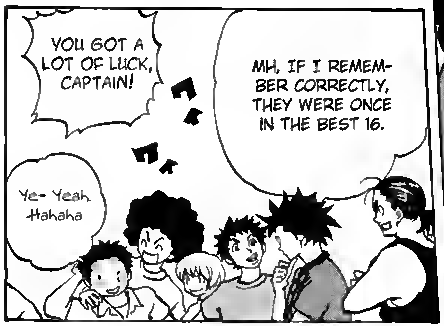
Touou Academy

Futatsuka Aoizaka

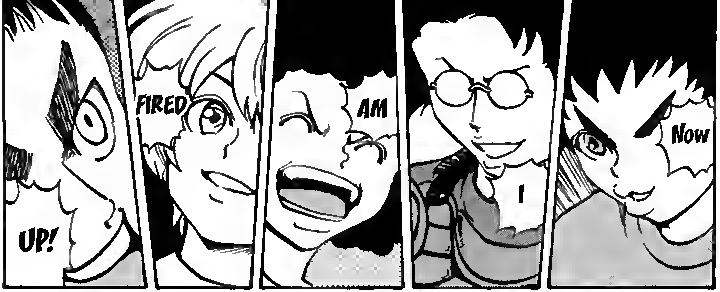

...THEN DOES THAT MEAN IMAI WILL HOLD THE OPENING OATH?
NAH, I AVOIDED THAT NARROWLY.
THOUGH I WAS SHOCKED FOR A MOMENT TOO
AH! WE'RE PLAYING THE FIRST GAME AFTER THE OPENING CEREMONY!
おお?よ!

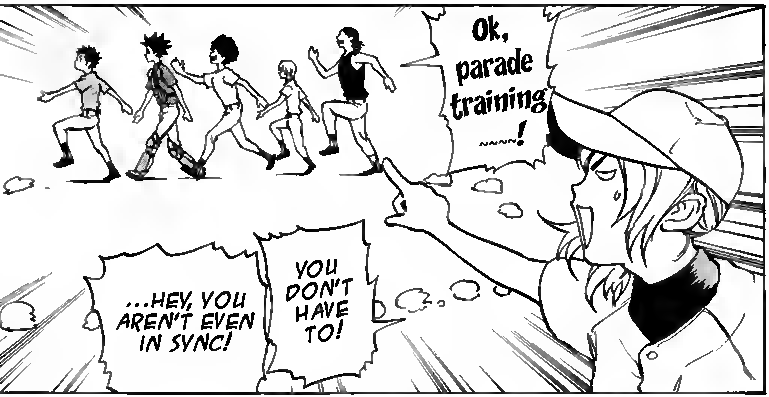
TEXT OHHH?

HEY, HOW IS OUR FIRST OPPONENT FUTATSUKA?


YOU GOT A LOT OF LUCK, CAPTAIN!
MH, IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, THEY WERE ONCE IN THE BEST 16.
Ye- Yeah, Hahaha

TOUOU ACADEMY IS ON THE COMPLETELY OPPOSITE SIDE!
SO THE FINALS IS AGAINST KOU-CHIN.
HUI!
That rocks! ☆


UP!
FIRED
AM
I
Now


Ok, parade training.....!
...HEY, YOU AREN'T EVEN IN SYNC!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO!

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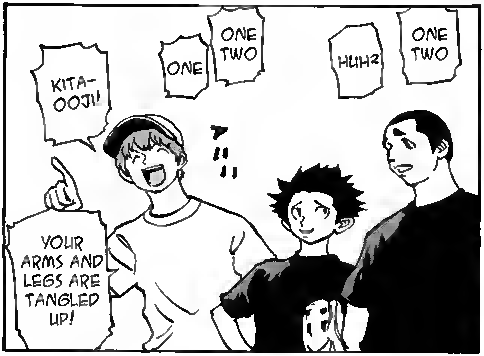
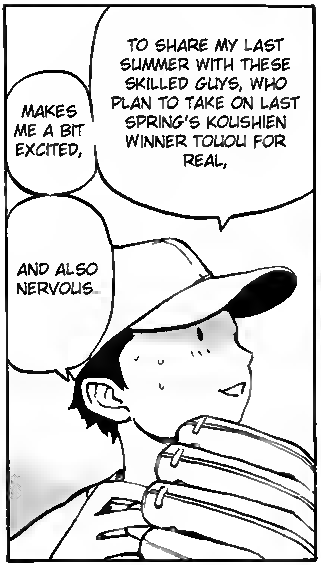
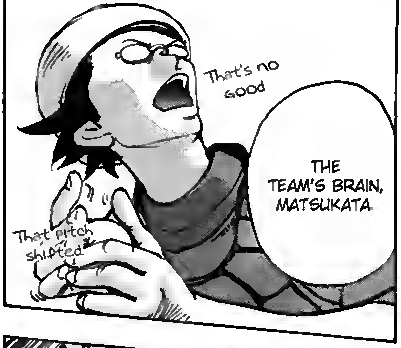

KITA-OOJI!
ONE
ONE TWO
HUIH2
ONE TWO
YOUR ARMS AND LEGS ARE TANGLED UP!

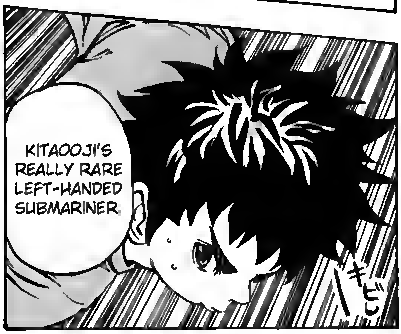
TWO
ONE

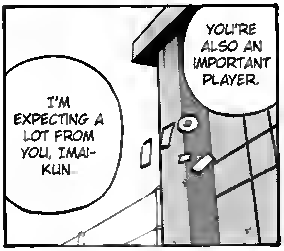
ホルン!
フッシ
MH?
THESE FIRST-YEARS

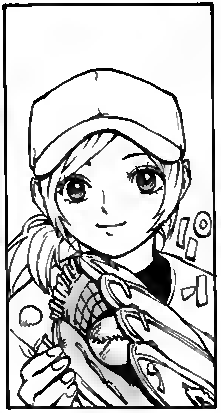
SHIBATA'S 50M IN 5 SECOND SPEED.
KOBAYASHI'S POWER, WHO IS EXPECTED TO HIT HOMERUNS.
UMEMIYA'S CALM AND GLORIOUS DIVINE GLOVE.

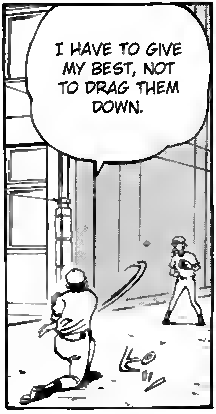

TO SHARE MY LAST SUMMER WITH THESE SKILLED GUYS, WHO PLAN TO TAKE ON LAST SPRING'S KOUSHIEN WINNER TOUOU FOR REAL,
MAKES ME A BIT EXCITED,
AND ALSO NERVOUS.

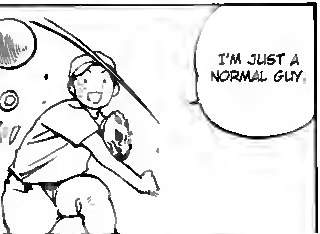

That's no good
THE TEAM'S BRAIN, MATSUKATA.
That pitch shifted!


KITAOOJI'S REALLY RARE LEFT-HANDED SUBMARINER.


YOU'RE ALSO AN IMPORTANT PLAYER.
I'M EXPECTING A LOT FROM YOU, IMAI-KUN.

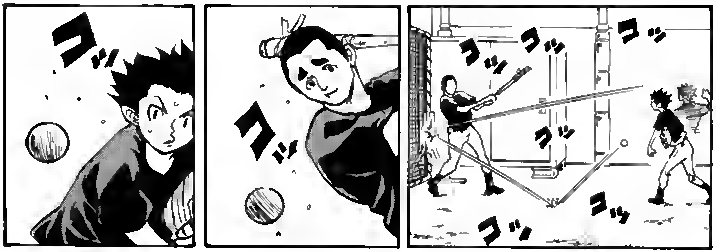


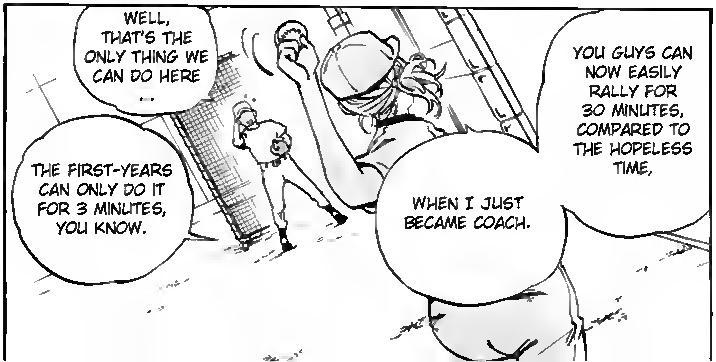

I HAVE TO GIVE MY BEST, NOT TO DRAG THEM DOWN.

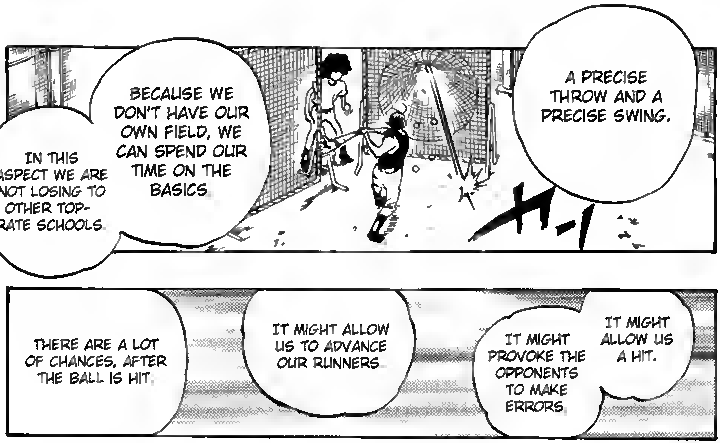

I'M JUST A NORMAL GUY.

BUT THAT'S ALSO IMPORTANT.
YOU CAN ONLY TEACH YOUR BODY, BY REPEATING THAT TRAINING.
ANY OF OUR TOSS BATTING AND TEE BATTING IS BETTER THAN THEIRS.
THAT'S.. JUST THE BASICS
BUT YOU BECAME SO GOOD AT CATCH.

FOR MORE ON TEE-BALL. HTTP://EN.WIKIPEDIA.ORG/WIKI/TEE_BALL




WELL, THAT'S THE ONLY THING WE CAN DO HERE ...
THE FIRST-YEARS CAN ONLY DO IT FOR 3 MINUTES, YOU KNOW.
YOU GUYS CAN NOW EASILY RALLY FOR 30 MINUTES, COMPARED TO THE HOPELESS TIME,
WHEN I JUST BECAME COACH.


A PRECISE THROW AND A PRECISE SWING.
BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE OUR OWN FIELD, WE CAN SPEND OUR TIME ON THE BASICS.
IN THIS ASPECT WE ARE NOT LOSING TO OTHER TOP-RATE SCHOOLS.
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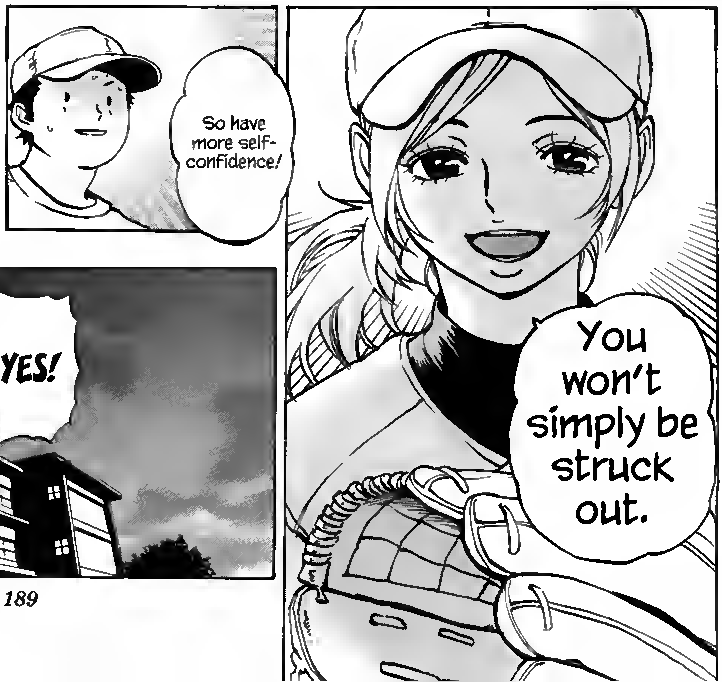
IT MIGHT ALLOW US A HIT.
IT MIGHT PROVOKE THE OPPONENTS TO MAKE ERRORS.
IT MIGHT ALLOW US TO ADVANCE OUR RUNNERS.
THERE ARE A LOT OF CHANCES, AFTER THE BALL IS HIT.


You won't simply be struck out.
So have more self-confidence!
YES!

MEIJI-JINGU BASEBALL STADIUM
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AND LAST YEAR'S FAMOUS RUNNER UP HASEDA...
AND ALSO ATSUMI
WITH A BATTING AVERAGE OF .900, REGULAR GAMES INCLUDED!
SEINAN'S HIMURO, WE WILL HOPEFULLY MEET IN THE THIRD ROUND.
HE HAS AN INCREDIBLY SPEEDY SLIDER, RIGHT?

.900 average = a hit 90% of the time

EAST TOKYO'S ELITE ARE ASSEMBLED HERE!
WE HAVE TO WIN 6 TIMES TO REACH THE FINALS
THAT WILL BE INTERESTING
WELL, WE JUST HAVE TO WIN

*there are 3 pitches needed to make a strikeout there are three outs in a inning. there are nine innings in a game. 3 x 3 x 9 = 81 pitches (basically a complete owning) // Reckless

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HOW MEAN. I'M PRACTICING MY INTERVIEW.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, TAKARADA?
ON WHICH INNING WERE YOU AIMING FOR IT?
FROM THE BEGIN-NING
YOU LOOK LIKE AN IDIOT. STOP IT!
塚
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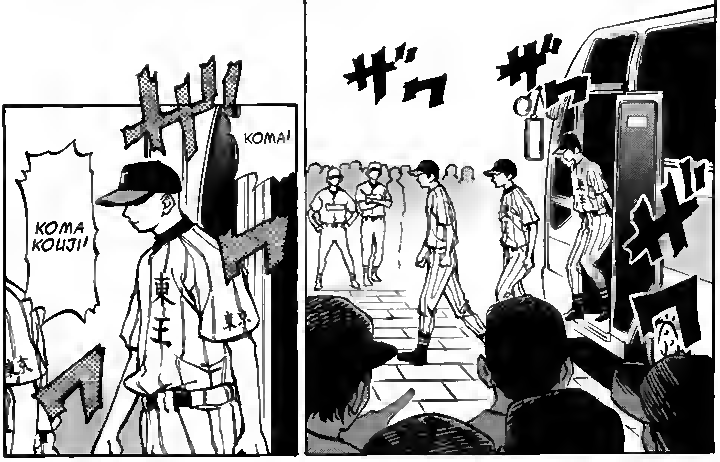
IT'S TOUOU!!
THEY GOT THEIR OWN BUS! SO COOL!!
TOHOH
THAT'S NOT TRUE.
MORE LIKE A GENIUS!
FUTATSUKA HIGH SCHOOL
TAKARADA TAIKI
(FIRST-YEAR)


KOMA!
KOMA KOUJI!
東王
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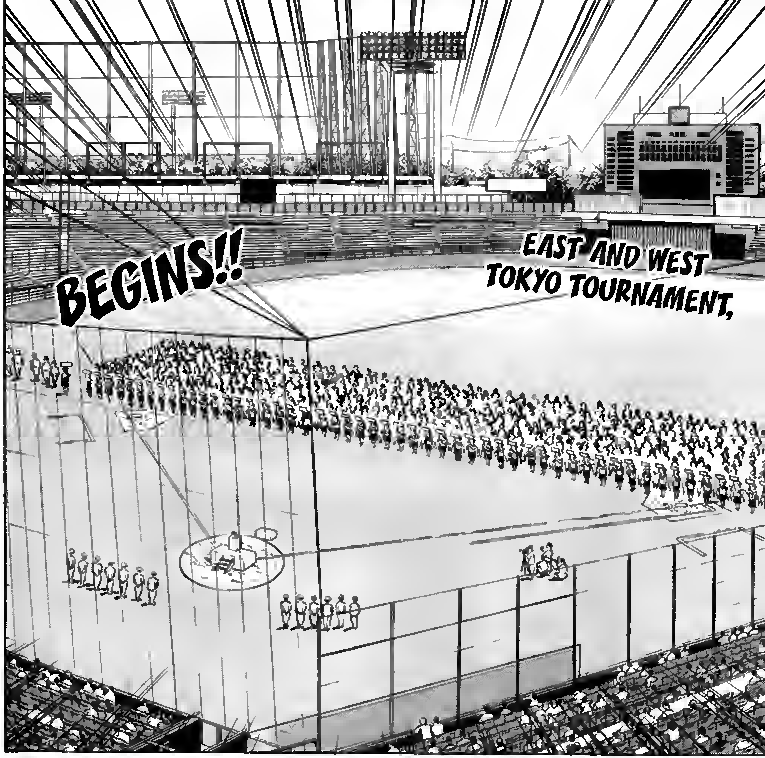

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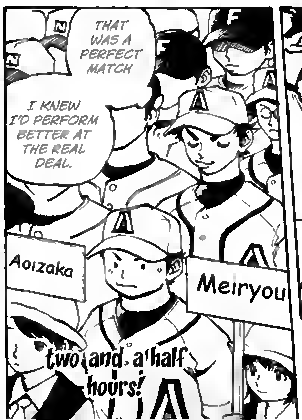

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